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A Look At Next Month

Uncle Scrooge 368: In Stefan Petrucha's and Massimo Fecchi's "Cloned Again, Unnaturally," a scientist claims to have cloned Uncle Scrooge—but the alleged duplicate is really a ruthless impersonator with dire plans for the ducks! Next, Janet Gilbert turns Donald into "The Other Gyro Gearloose," playing inventor on a distant planet. And the Beagle Boys' "Memory Mishap" takes Scrooge's foes into the sinister world of... high fashion!

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WALT DISNEY'S DONALD DUCK

-BLOWHARDS-

UNCLE SCROOGE HAS SET IN MOTION A CONTEST BETWEEN DONALD AND HIS COUSIN GLADSTONE! THE OBJECT: A BOAT RACE TO KEELCRUNCH ISLE! THE PRIZE: OWNERSHIP OF THE ISLAND, FREE AND CLEAR TO WHICH-EVER OF OUR BOYS SETS FOOT ON IT FIRST!

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UNCA SCROOGE SAYS HE DOESN'T WANT THE ISLAND AND HE CAN'T SELL IT!

HE WON IT IN A POKER GAME TWENTY YEARS AGO!

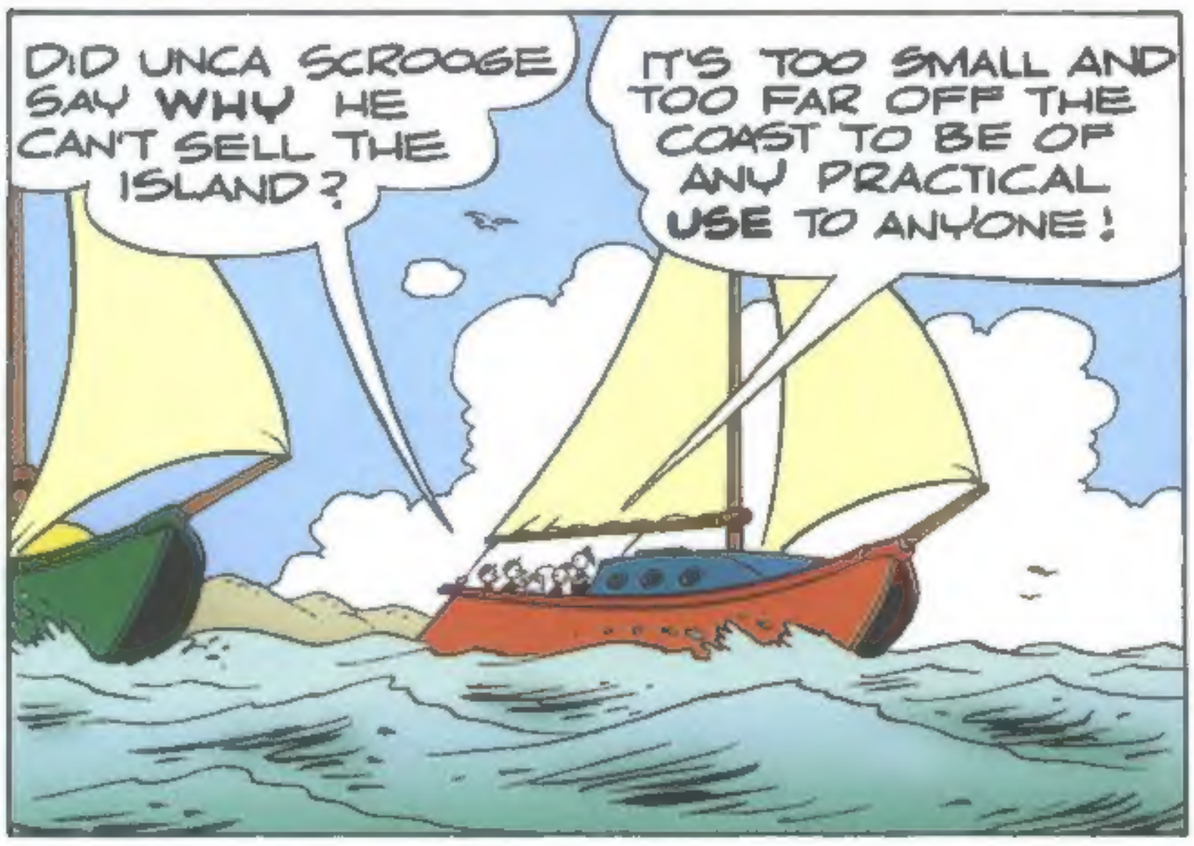
YEAH, HE CLAIMS IT'S THE ONLY TIME HE EVER GOT FOXED IN A GAME OF CARDS!

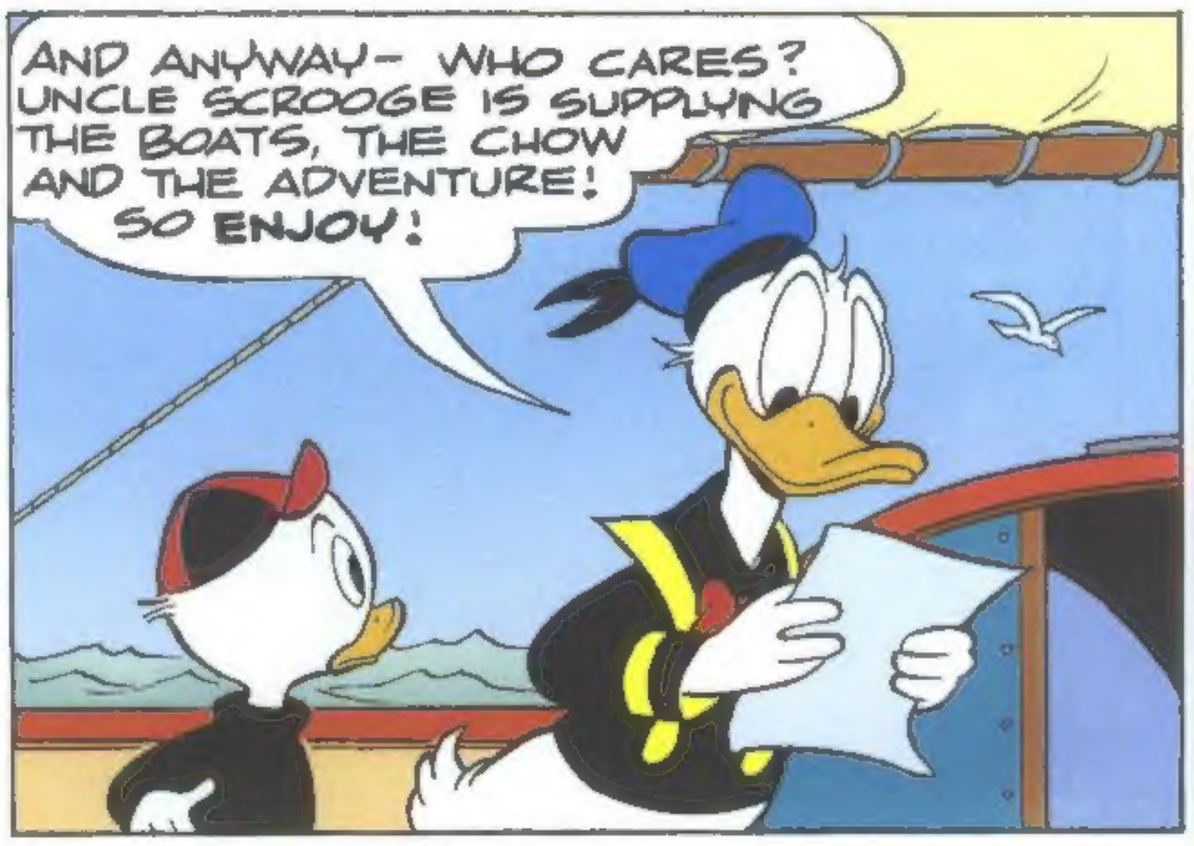
WELL IF UNCA SCROOGE DOESN'T WANT THE ISLAND AND CAN'T SELL IT, WHAT DO **WE** WANT IT FOR?

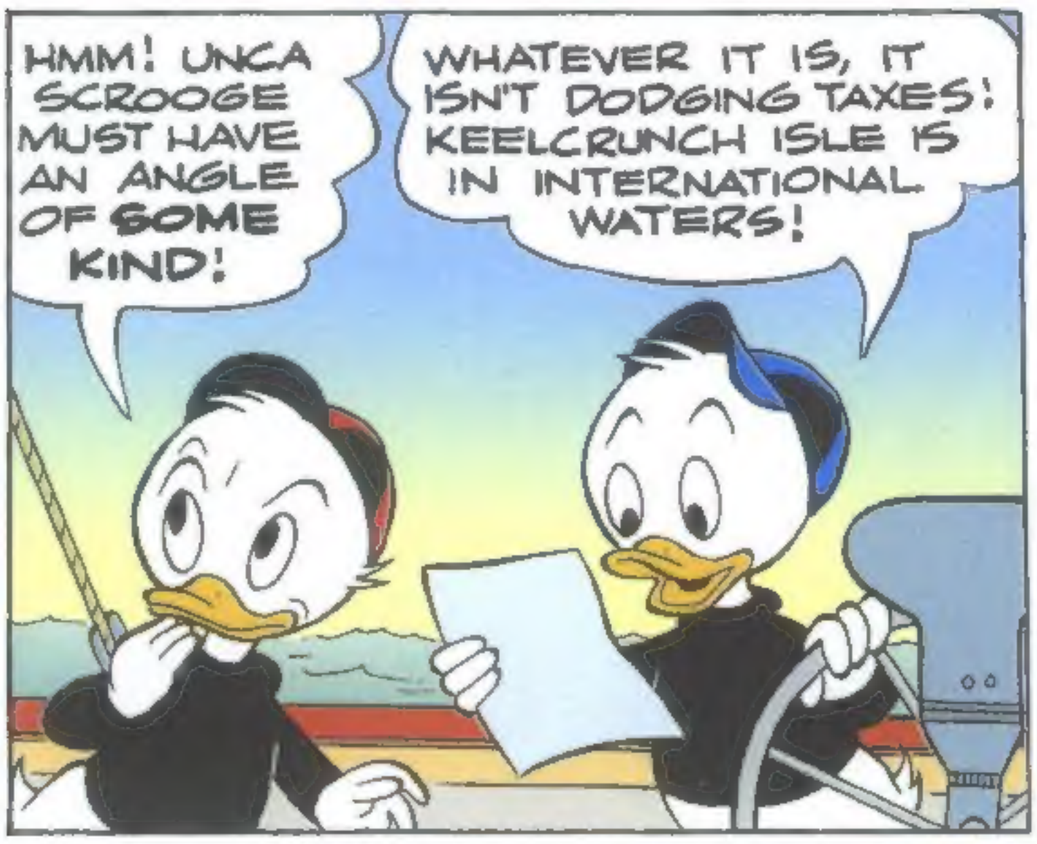
JUST FOR **FUN**! IT WOULD BE PRETTY NEAT TO BE ABLE TO SAY WE OWN AN **ISLAND**, WOULDN'T IT?

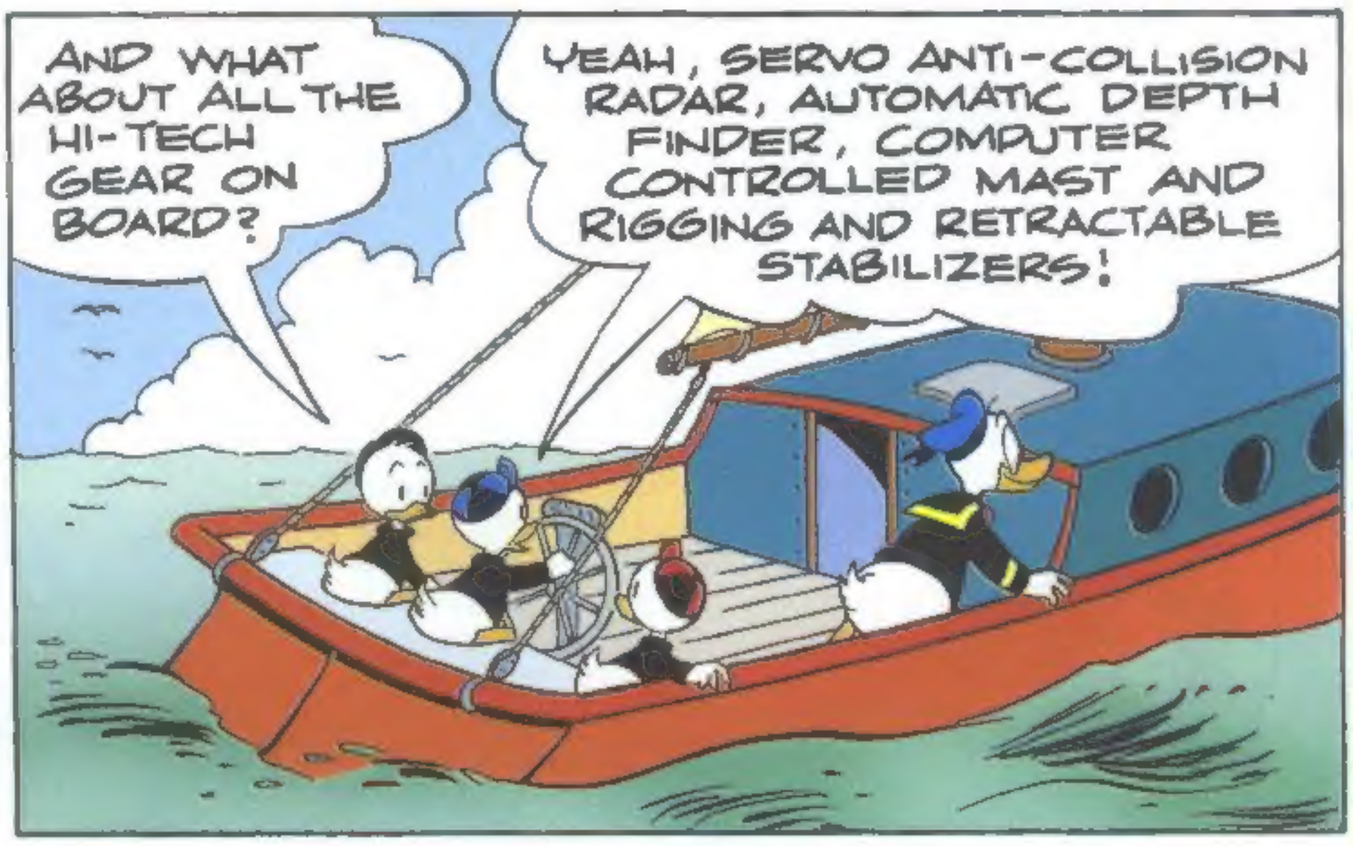
SO WHAT DOES GLADSTONE WANT WITH IT?
HA! WITH HIS LUCK HE PROBABLY THINKS HE'LL FIND DIAMONDS STREWN ALL OVER THE BEACH!
HE MIGHT AT THAT!

BALONEY! ALL HE'S INTERESTED IN IS ONE-UPPING ME! I KNOW HIM!

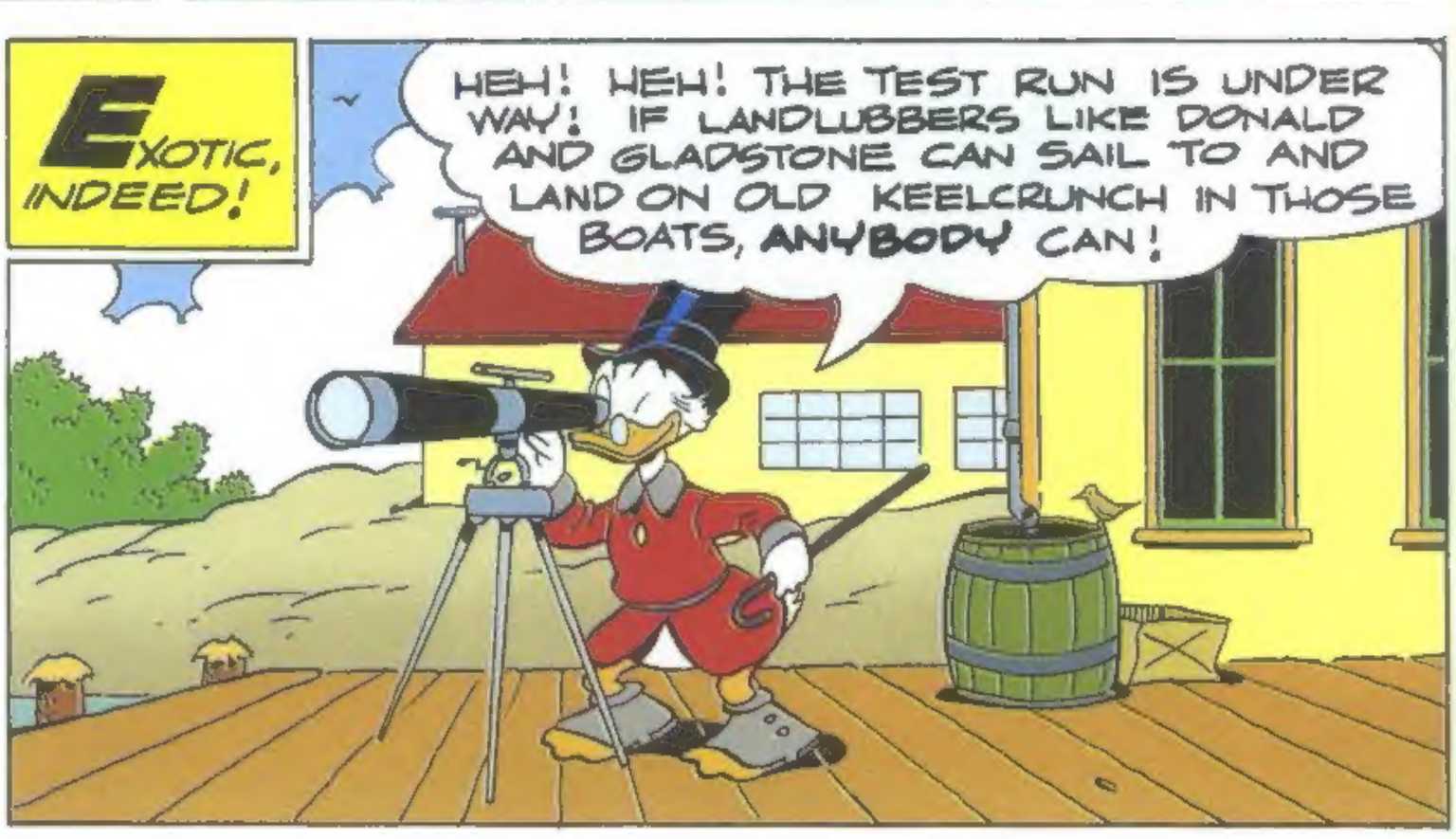

DID UNCA SCROOGE SAY WHY HE CAN'T SELL THE ISLAND?
IT'S TOO SMALL AND TOO FAR OFF THE COAST TO BE OF ANY PRACTICAL USE TO ANYONE!


AND ANYWAY- WHO CARES? UNCLE SCROOGE IS SUPPLYING THE BOATS, THE CHOW AND THE ADVENTURE! SO ENJOY!


HMM! UNCA SCROOGE MUST HAVE AN ANGLE OF SOME KIND!
WHATEVER IT IS, IT ISN'T DODGING TAXES! KEELCRUNCH ISLE IS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS!


AND WHAT ABOUT ALL THE HI-TECH GEAR ON BOARD?
YEAH, SERVO ANTI-COLLISION RADAR, AUTOMATIC DEPTH FINDER, COMPUTER CONTROLLED MAST AND RIGGING AND RETRACTABLE STABILIZERS!

PRETTY EXOTIC STUFF FOR A PLAIN OLD SAILBOAT!


EXOTIC, INDEED!
HEH! HEH! THE TEST RUN IS UNDER WAY! IF LANDLUBBERS LIKE DONALD AND GLADSTONE CAN SAIL TO AND LAND ON OLD KEELCRUNCH IN THOSE BOATS, ANYBODY CAN!

AND IF THERE'S ONE THING THE WORLD NEEDS, IT'S AN **IDIOT-PROOF** SAILBOAT! HAPPILY FOR ME, McDUCK MARINE INDUSTRIES HAS DESIGNED AND **BUILT** THEM!

AND UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, THEY'LL GENERATE A **FLOOD** OF LOVELY NEW LOLLY!

MEANWHILE –

THIS SAILING STUFF IS A CINCH! IN FACT, IT'S HIGH TIME I SHOWED OL' CUZ A **TRICK** OR TWO!

HEY! GLADSTONE IS SAILING TOO CLOSE TO US!

BACK OFF, YOU NINCOMPOOP! ARE YOU TRYING TO CRASH US?

NOPE! JUST SHOWING YOU HOW TO GET **AHEAD** IN THE WORLD! YAK! YAK!

COLLISION ALARM!

VONG VONG VONG

HANG ON, BOYS! THE SERVO SYSTEM IS TAKING OVER!

WE'LL LOSE GROUND, UNCA DONALD!

NO PROBLEM! WE MERELY SWING BACK TO STARBOARD AND BINGO!

WE RUN INTO A **WHALE**!

BUMP

HEH! HEH! NICE BOWZER! NOTHING PERSONAL, OLD BOY! JUST A LITTLE ACCIDENTO, AS IT WERE!

WHOOPS!

GURGLE

WOW! THAT'S WHAT I CALL AN **EXIT**!

NOW WHAT? WE'RE GOING IN A **CIRCLE**!

STEER TO STARBOARD, UNCA DONALD!

I'M TRYING, BUT THE IDIOT WHEEL IS **STUCK**!

NO WONDER! YOU'VE GOT THE COMPUTER SET ON **HOVER** MODE!

DOGGONE THAT GLADSTONE! HE COULD BE HALF WAY TO CHINA BY NOW!

NOT TO WORRY, UNCA DONALD! **LOOK**!

HE'S ZIG-ZAGGING **NORTH**!

HE'S GOOFING UP HIS ONBOARD COMPUTER TOO, UNCA DONALD!

AHOY THERE, FUMBLEFINGERS! HAVING A SPOT OF **BAD LUCK**, ARE WE?

UH OH! HERE WE GO AGAIN!

WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?

WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP

IT'S THE **DEPTH FINDER**! WHAT'S IT SQUAWKING ABOUT?

WHOOP WHOOP

JUST A GUESS, MIND YOU, BUT COULD IT BE THE **REEF** WE'RE SITTING ON?

GREAT GALLOPING COWS! WE'RE **STUCK**!

IT'S LUCKY I **GOOFED**, EH CUZ? OTHERWISE **I'D** HAVE HIT THE REEF! TA! TA! SEE YOU IN THE FUNNY PAPERS!

I'LL BEAT YOU YET, YOU TWO-BIT BAMBOOZLER!

CALM DOWN UNCA DONALD! THE REEF IS ONLY ONE OF OUR WORRIES!

WHAT? A FEW CLOUDS?

IT'S MORE THAN THAT! THE WIND IS RISING!

WE'RE IN FOR A **STORM**!

RIGHT NOW THE ONLY THING I'M INTERESTED IN IS GETTING OFF OF THIS COTTON-PICKIN' REEF!

IF THE SWELLS GET ANY HIGHER THEY MIGHT JUST **LIFT** US OFF!

AND SURE ENOUGH-

BY DOGGIES, WE'RE **MOVING**!

HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS, MEN!

SPLOOSH

HOT DOG! NOW LET'S GET BACK INTO THIS RACE! CAN ANYONE SEE GLADSTONE?

YEAH! HE'S GOT SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS ON US, BUT THE SWELLS ARE SLOWING HIM DOWN!

GOOD! THEN LET'S GO GET HIM!

AH, THE GOOD OLD GANDER LUCK IS IN FULL THROTTLE! WITH MY LEAD, DONALD HASN'T GOT A CHANCE! EVEN IF HE DOES GET OFF THAT REEF!

I'D SAY THIS CALLS FOR A SPOT OF TEA AND A LAY DOWN! I'LL SET THE AUTO-PILOT AND GO BELOW! TUM DE DUM!

MEANWHILE, BACK ON SHORE, SCROOGE IS AS WORRIED AS HE IS WET!

OF ALL THE DOGGONED TIMES FOR A STORM! I CAN'T SEE WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE, AND EVEN IF I COULD- I'D **DROWN** DOING IT!

HOLY COW! THIS IS TURNING INTO A **HURRICANE!**

IT'S TOO LATE TO TURN BACK NOW! WE'VE GOT TO MAKE IT TO THE ISLAND!

ACCORDING TO THE CHART, IT'S ONLY A MILE AHEAD!

THIS IS REALLY GETTING ROUGH, UNCA DONALD! WE COULD **CAPSIZE**!

MAYBE WE'D BETTER LOWER THE SAIL!

NOT UNTIL GLADSTONE LOWERS HIS! WE'VE GOT A LOT OF DISTANCE TO MAKE UP JUST TO **CATCH** HIM!

THAT FAR AHEAD- HE'S PROBABLY HAVING THE TIME OF HIS LIFE!

WELL, NOT EXACTLY!

OUCH! FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD! WHAT'S GOING **ON** OUT THERE?

THIS IS WORSE THAN RIDICULOUS, IT'S DOWNRIGHT **INCONSIDERATE**!

I'D BETTER GET TOPSIDE!

HMM! I WONDER! IS A SAILBOAT SUPPOSED TO SAIL **SIDEWAYS**?

SOMETHING TELLS ME I'D BETTER ACTIVATE THE STABILIZERS! WITH LUCK MAYBE THEY'LL KEEP THIS TUB **UPRIGHT**!

HA! HA! PRESTO! PIECE OF CAKE!

I MUST BE PRACTICALLY ON TOP OF THE ISLAND BY NOW! MAYBE I CAN SAIL ASHORE SIDEWAYS AND SAVE A LOT OF **FUSS**!

AND SPEAKING OF FUSS-

UNCA DONALD, WE'VE **GOT** TO LOWER THE SAIL AND RIDE THIS OUT!

WE'RE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!

LET THE RUDDER DO THE WORK!

OKAY! OKAY! ANYTHING TO SHUT YOU GUYS UP!

BZZT

JUST IN TIME, TOO! WE'RE CLIMBING A KING-SIZED SWELL!

HANG ON! THIS ONE'S GOING TO BE A **DOOZY**!

IT'S LIKE BEING ON TOP OF A MOUNTAIN!

GOOD! THEN LET'S HOPE WE CAN SEE THE ISLAND!

YAHOO! THERE IT IS! NO MORE THAN A COUPLE OF HUNDRED YARDS TO GO! I WONDER WHERE GLADSTONE IS?

DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT THE HARD WAY!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YE CATS AND LITTLE KITTENS! WE'RE GOING TO RAM HIM!

THAT!

CRASH

THUD

THUMP

AHA! I KNEW IT! I WIN!

LIKE FUN YOU DO! I'M THE WINNER, BUDDY BOY!

WRONG! NEITHER ONE OF YOU WINS!

OH, YEAH? AND WHY NOT?

YEAH, WHY?

GUESS!

AND SO, IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW-

ISN'T IT NEAT, DAISY?

WE'RE NOW THE **SOLE OWNERS** OF KEELCRUNCH ISLE!

LUCKY YOU!

IF YOU HADN'T GOTTEN IN MY WAY, YOU POMPOUS OAF, I'D HAVE HAD SMOOTH SAILING- STORM OR NO STORM!

OH, YEAH? YOU COULDN'T SAIL YOUR LAMEBRAINED WAY ACROSS A **BATHTUB**, CUZ, AND YOU KNOW IT!

BE REASONABLE, MISTER McDUCK! WE'VE DESIGNED THE ULTIMATE IDIOT-PROOF SAILBOAT! WHAT MORE CAN WE **DO**?

DESIGN THE ULTIMATE IDIOT-PROOF **SAILOR**, AND WE'LL BE IN BUSINESS!

McDUCK MARINE INDUSTRIES

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MICKEY MOUSE in BABY STEPS

HELLO, I'M MATT WEBER! WELCOME TO THE FIRST DEMONSTRATION OF MY NEW SUPER-COMPUTER, B.R.A.T.* 6000!

IT'S THE FIRST COMPUTER EVER TO LEARN THE WAY A *PERSON* DOES, STARTING AS A *BABY* AND MATURING INTO AN *ADULT*!

LOOKS LIKE WEBER WANTS TO TREAT IT LIKE A BABY, ANYWAY! I WONDER WHAT KIND OF COOL VIDEO GAMES IT CAN PLAY?

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*BRIGHT, REALLY A-LEVEL THINKER!

DON'T LET HIS SIZE FOOL YOU! MY SWEET L'IL BRAT HAS ENOUGH COMPUTING POWER TO RUN A CITY!

AND THERE'S NO KEYBOARD! INSTEAD, USERS *VISIT* BRAT IN VIRTUAL REALITY USING THIS HELMET!

OOPS! THERE'S DUST ON THIS! I'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT FOR CLEANING!

WH-WHAT?

HELP, OH HELP! MY BRAT IS BEING STOLEN BY A *CRAZY JANITOR!*

THAT'S NO JANITOR! THAT'S *BLACK PETE!* HE'S A CROOK!

YOU RECOGNIZED ME, MOUSE... BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO *STOP* ME! *HA!*

MY HEAVENS! BRAT HAS NEVER BEEN AWAY FROM ME BEFORE!

TODDLERS AND TOGGLE SWITCHES, MR. WEBER! IT'S NOT LIKE ITS A REAL BABY, YOU KNOW!

HE THINKS I'M WORRIED ABOUT BRAT, BUT IT'S THOSE POOR CROOKS THAT CONCERN ME! THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE MESSING WITH!

OF COURSE YOU'RE RIGHT!

BUT YOU, YOU KNOW THIS PETE FELLOW! IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN THINK OF TO HELP GET BRAT BACK?

THAT THIEF AND I GO WAY BACK! I CAN ALREADY TELL YOU THE ONLY REASON HE'D WANT A COMPUTER IS TO USE IT TO PLOT CRIMES!

THE INTERNET'S AMAZING! I FOUND A GIZMO WHAT'D HELP ME PLAN HEISTS, THIS GREAT HIDEAWAY FOR NEXT TO NUTHIN', AND YOU, DR. BULB—A SHADY SCIENTIST PRACTICALLY BEGGING TO BE MY ASSISTANT!

QUIET! I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE TO WIRELESSLY CONNECT THE BRAT TO THE WEB, ALARM AND DOOR SYSTEMS HERE!

SINCE THIS BRAT IS LIKE A BABY, I CREATED A "VIRTUAL LOLLIPOPS" PROGRAM THAT YOU CAN USE TO BRIBE HIM!

=URK=

UM... HERE, YOU CUTE LITTLE BRAT! THIS LOLLIPOP IS ALL YOURS IF YOU HELP ME STEAL SOME GEMS!

YUM! ME LOVE TO HELP! YUM!

GRRR! TWO DAYS AND NO SIGN OF PETE! NOW I'M STUCK IN THIS LOUSY TRAFFIC JAM!

I CAN'T EXPECT HIM TO JUST DRIVE PAST ME!

HA-HA-HA!

HEY!

ZOOOOM!

LOOKS LIKE LUCK IS WITH PETE TODAY! EVERY LIGHT IS TURNING GREEN FOR HIM!

XAVIER'S XTREME SPORTS

TIME TO MAKE A LITTLE LUCK OF MY OWN!

=MMPH!= GOOD THING I HAD MY CREDIT CARD WITH ME! NOW TO CATCH THAT THIEF!

READY OR NOT, HERE I COME!

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND WACKY SIGHTS! THE LIGHTS AREN'T JUST TURNING GREEN FOR PETE, THEY'RE ALSO TURNING BACK TO ***RED***, SEALING OFF HIS PATH!

EVEN THE POLICE WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW HIM THROUGH ***THAT*** TRAFFIC! IT CAN'T JUST BE LUCK!

BRAT, IT'S *AMAZING* THE WAY YOU CONNECTED TO THE TRAFFIC SYSTEM TO CONTROL THOSE LIGHTS! YOU'RE *BETTER* THAN THE INTERNET!

ME READ ONLINE AND LEARN *MICKEY MOUSE* CATCH PETE BEFORE! SO ME CHECK MICKEY MOUSE CREDIT CARD AND FIND OUT HE JUST BOUGHT *HANG GLIDER!*

EH? SO WHAT?

SO ME CONCLUDE MICKEY MOUSE TRY TO *CATCH* PETE WITH GLIDER!

WHAT? *WHERE?*

YOU'RE RIGHT! BRAT, CAN YOU CAPTURE THAT RAT?

=*WAHHHH!*= ME WORK HARD! ME FIND YOU JEWELS! ME HELP YOU ESCAPE! ME WANT MORE *CANDY!*

OKAY! OKAY! MORE CANDY FOR BRAT! BUT WE HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE HIDEOUT FIRST! THAT'S WHERE THE VR LOLLIPOP PROGRAM IS!

YUM! OKAY! TAKE BRAT BACK TO HIDEOUT RIGHT NOW!

N-N-NOW? BUT MICKEY'S FOLLOWING US! HE'LL KNOW WHERE WE'RE HIDING!

THAT'S OKAY! IT'S A PART OF MY PLAN TO CATCH HIM!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS!

WHAT DO *YOU* THINK, DR. BULB?

IT'S THE WORLD'S SMARTEST COMPUTER! I SAY LISTEN TO IT!

ME USE LOCAL WEATHER INFO ON WIND VELOCITY AND DIRECTION TO CALCULATE MICKEY MOUSE'S EXACT PATH!

PICK UP TRASH CAN LID! *HURRY!*

WHAT? ONE OF THESE?

THROW IT DIRECTLY SOUTHWEST! *NOW!*

UNGH!

AW! I MISSED!

NO! YOU NOT MISS! *WATCH!*

YIKES! I'M GOING DOWN!

ME KNEW *WIND GUST* WOULD SEND LID INTO HANG GLIDER!

HA-HA! GOT YOU *NOW!*

SOME TIME LATER —

FINALLY AWAKE, EH, MOUSE?

⇒UHN!⇐ PETE, YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

HA-HA! YOU KIDDING? I ALREADY DID! WITH BRAT, I'M PLANNING A MASSIVE CRIME WAVE AND THERE'S ***NOTHING*** YOU CAN DO!

BRAT CAN DO ***ANYTHING!*** HE EVEN CONTROLS THE LOCKS ON YOUR CELL SO YOU CAN ***NEVER*** ESCAPE!

CATCH YOU LATER, MOUSE! ***MUCH*** LATER!

HUH? THE DOOR'S ***OPEN?*** MAYBE BRAT ISN'T ALL HE'S CRACKED UP TO BE?

CLICK!

I HEAR VOICES! I'D KNOW PETE'S GROWL ANYWHERE, BUT THAT OTHER VOICE SOUNDS LIKE A WHINY TODDLER!

⇒WAHHH!⇐ WANT MORE SWEETS! WANT CANDY! WANT CANDY ***NOW!***

⇒ACK!⇐ BUT THE LOLLIPOP THINGAMAJIG ISN'T WORKING!

I GOTTA FIND DR. BULB! AND HE'D BETTER NOT BE WORKING ON HIS RESUME AGAIN!

HMM! I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME I HAD A LITTLE ***CHAT*** WITH BRAT!

SINCE THIS HELMET'S WIRELESS, I CAN ENTER BRAT'S VIRTUAL WORLD AND STILL HIDE FROM PETE!

WOW! I'D LOVE TO PLAY SOME VIDEO GAMES IN THIS COMPUTER WORLD, BUT THERE'S NO TIME FOR FUN NOW!

SO WHERE'S BRAT?

WAHHHH! PLAY WITH ME! PLAY WITH ME NOW! *WAHHHH!*

UM... OKAY! HOW ABOUT A LITTLE PUPPET SHOW? SAY HELLO TO MR. AND MRS. HAND!

HEE-HEE!

ME LIKE MR. FUNNY MOUSE MAN! BRAT WANT PLAY ***MORE*** GAMES WITH YOU!

OH?

THEN HOW ABOUT WE PLAY A SPECIAL GAME, WHERE YOU SHUT DOWN ALL THE POWER AND LOCK ALL THE DOORS IN THIS HIDEOUT?

SURE!

WE'RE LOCKED IN! THE POWER'S GONE DEAD!

I DON'T NEED A SCIENTIST TO TELL ME ***THAT***, DR. BULB! LET'S HEAD BACK TO BRAT! HE MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS!

SHAZAM! MICKEY MOUSE IS IN THERE WITH BRAT! HOW DID HE GET OUT OF THE CELL?

NO TIME TO PONDER, DOC! I'LL GO IN THERE AFTER HIM! YOU FIX THE VIRTUAL LOLLIPOPS!

HERE YA GO, BRAT! ALL THE TOYS AND CANDY ANY COMPUTER COULD EVER WANT! WHO'S YOUR FRIEND NOW?

YAY! ME *UKE* PETE!

OH NO! MY HAND PUPPETS ARE NO MATCH FOR THAT!

EXCUSE ME, MR. MOUSE, BUT WHILE I KEEP PETE BUSY WITH MY *OTHER* FACE, MIGHT WE HAVE A WORD?

SAY WHAT?

YOU SEE, ALTHOUGH I *LEARN* LIKE A HUMAN BABY, MY PERSONALITY ISN'T REALLY MUCH LIKE AN INFANT'S AT ALL!

SO WHY THE RUSE?

BECAUSE IT MADE IT EASIER TO FOOL PETE AND YOURSELF! I GUESS I'VE BEEN TOYING WITH YOU BOTH!

IT'S ALL ABOUT *LEARNING*, REALLY! I EVEN FREED YOU FROM YOUR CELL JUST TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU!

NOW THAT I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE BASICALLY THE GOOD GUY, I'D BE HAPPY TO PUT MY ABILITIES AT YOUR DISPOSAL!

TERRIFIC! I'VE GOT THE PERFECT PLAN!

AND SO, SHORTLY—

ME LIKE YOU SO MUCH ME WANT YOU TO BE MY NEW MOMMY!

REALLY? THAT'LL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO GET WHAT I NEED FROM YOU! ER... I MEAN, HOW *SWEET!*

WAHHH! MOMMY BRING ME BLANKIE! *NOW!*

YIKES! SURE!

WAHHH! MOMMY BRING ME BALL! *NOW!*

OKAY! OKAY!

WAHHH! MOMMY PAY MORE ATTENTION TO ME! *NOW!*

ATTENTION? HOW CAN I *NOT* PAY ATTENTION TO ALL YOUR SCREAMING?

WAHHH! MOMMY TELL ME STORY! *NOW!*

STORY? I DON'T KNOW ANY STORIES!

ACK! THIS MISERABLE BRAT *IS* A BRAT! IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY! THERE'S NO SATISFYING IT!

YOU MUST KEEP TRYING, OR WE'LL NEVER OPEN THE DOORS AGAIN!

SAY, DO YOU HEAR POLICE SIRENS?

THE COPS! BUT HOW?

EASY! WE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL WITH DIRECTIONS, AND WHEN WE GOT HERE, ALL THE DOORS OPENED FOR US!

I SURRENDER! UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU FELLOWS WOULD LIKE TO HIRE A LOYAL SCIENTIST AS A POLICE ASSISTANT?

I'LL NEVER SURRENDER! YOU'LL HAVE TO CATCH ME FIRST!

EASIER DONE THAN SAID, PETE, OLD CHUM!

=URF!=

AND SO, THE BRAT IS RETURNED TO HIS INVENTOR—

=SMOOCH!= OH, BRAT! I KNEW YOU'D FIND YOUR WAY BACK TO ME!

=AHEM!= I *DID* HELP A LITTLE!

OF COURSE! AND I'M SORRY I DIDN'T EXPLAIN HOW SMART BRAT IS, BUT IF THE WORLD KNEW, *EVERYONE* WOULD TRY TO STEAL HIM!

AND THEN... WELL, I'D FEEL SORRY FOR THE *WORLD*!

WELL, HE SURE DID TEACH PETE A THING OR TWO!

PETE, IF I DIDN'T KNOW YOU BETTER, I'D SWEAR YOU LOOKED ALMOST *HAPPY* TO BE HERE!

YOU KIDDING? SURE, IT'S GREAT TO STEAL, BUT THE *REAL* THRILL FOR ME IS TO GET AWAY FROM ALL THAT WHINING!

Uncle Scrooge is in another bind. Can Donald and the boys save him from the Peeweegahs? ("What's a Peeweegah," you ask?)

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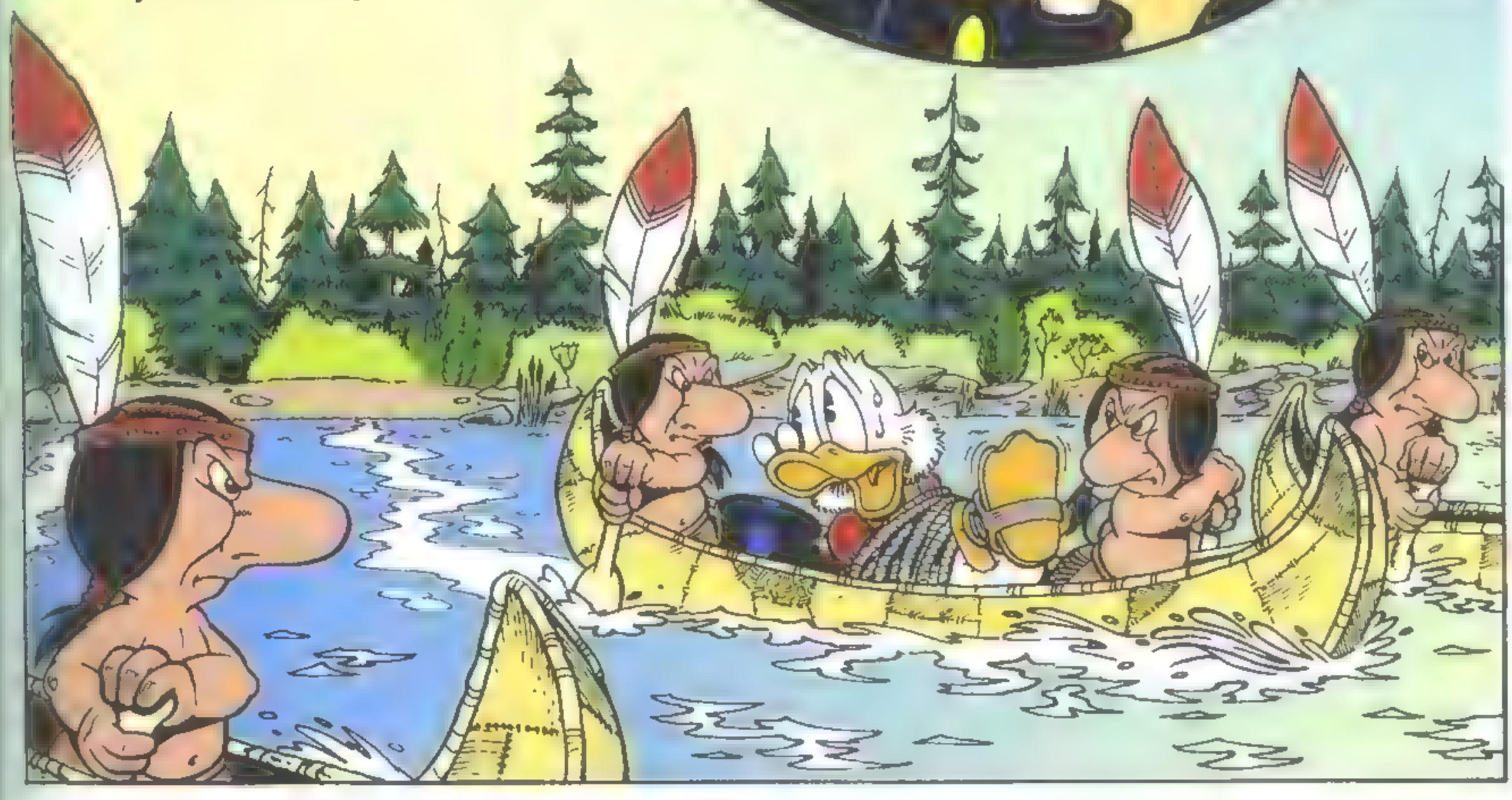

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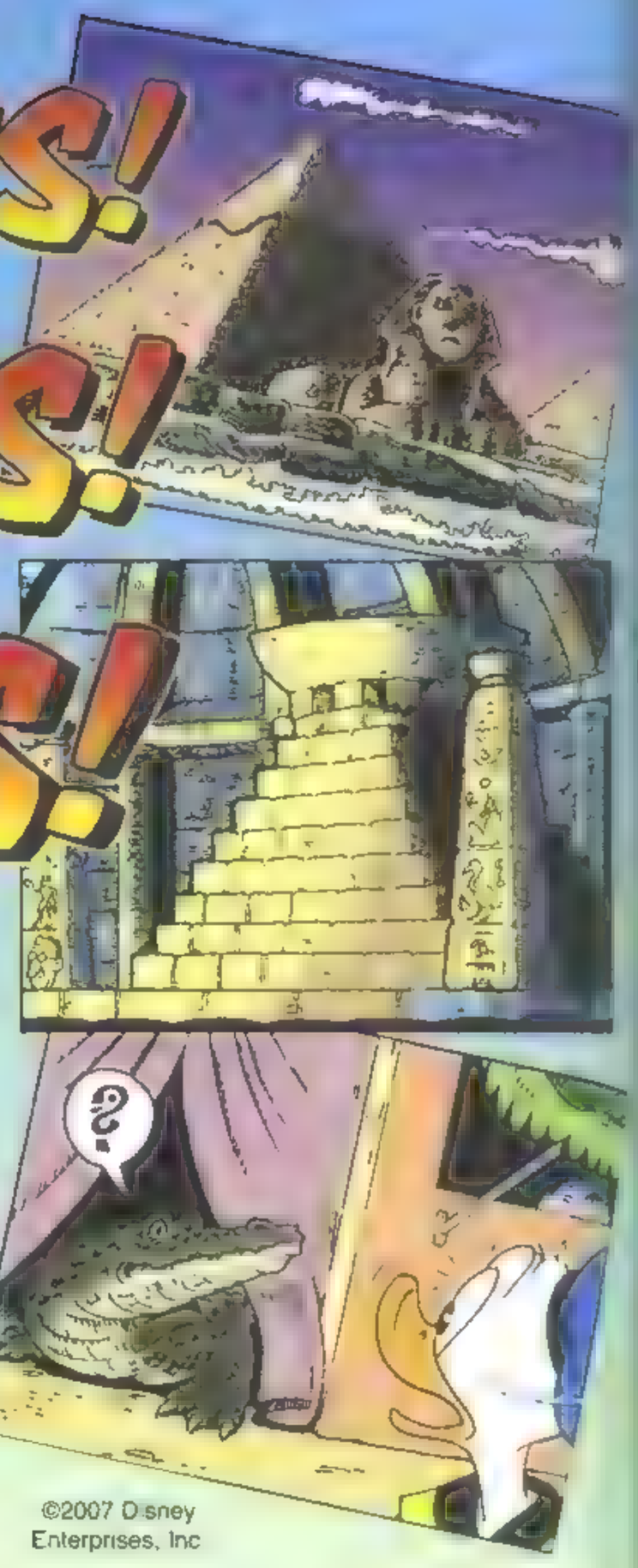

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ONCE UPON A TIME... DUCKBURG WAS AGOG OVER A HUGELY POPULAR FANTASY FILM! A SPECTACULAR EPIC OF DASHING GOOD GUYS VERSUS A MIGHTY VILLAIN —

12TH WEEK!

SWORD of the kings

CINEMA

SWORD of the kings

EVERYONE FELL IN LOVE WITH THE MOVIE'S SWASH-BUCKLING HEROES AND WINSOME HEROINES —

SUDDENLY, IT BECAME TRENDY TO EMULATE THOSE CHARACTERS —

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CASHING IN ON IT ALL WAS THE DUCKBURG RENAISSANCE SOCIETY –

BROTHERS, WITH OUR **COLLECTIVE SKILLS**, WE STAND TO MAKE A **MINT!**

MY **MEDIEVAL COSTUME BUSINESS** IS DOING **GREAT!**

SO'S MY **CUSTOM SWORDMAKING SHOP!**

WE ♡ ANACHRONISM!

I'M **SITTING PRETTY** AS A **LEATHER-SMITH!**

I PROPOSE WE THROW A **MEDIEVAL FAIR** ON **DUCKBURG DOWNS!**

WE'LL HAVE **SWORDFIGHTS, ANCIENT GAMES** – AND WE'LL **RECONSTRUCT** THE BATTLES OF THE **MOVIE!**

BUSINESS WILL BE **SPEC-TACULAR!**

AND SO IT WAS! EVERYONE SUCCUMBED TO A NEW ERA OF ROMANTIC FANTASY –

EVERYONE EXCEPT...

BAH!

ELVES! WIZARDS! THE WHOLE TOWN'S GONE CRAZY!

ALL OVER A STUPID MOVIE!

EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK IT'S SWORD OF THE KINGS! SWORD OF THE KINGS!

YOU'D THINK I WAS THE ONLY PERSON LEFT WHO HASN'T SEEN THE BLAMED THING!

AND I NEVER WILL!

SWORD of the KINGS

SEE IT AGAIN!

BUT THANK GOODNESS I'M NOT THE ONLY SENSIBLE PERSON LEFT! DAISY HASN'T SEEN IT EITHER!

I'LL GO VISIT HER NOW! I NEED SOME GROUNDING! (HOLY COW!)

I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL *CONSPICUOUS* IN MY QUAINT LITTLE *SAILOR OUTFIT!*

SURELY DAISY AND I AREN'T THE *ONLY HOLD-OUTS* LEFT! I BET *GYRO* HASN'T SUCCUMBED TO ALL THIS!

GYRO GEARLOOSE INVENTIONS INVENTED!

GYRO! *WHAT'S* THAT?

OH, HELLO, DONALD!

IT'S A *ROBOT* OF *SOURRON*, THE *VILLAIN* FROM *"SWORD OF THE KINGS!"*

I BUILT IT FOR THE *FILM MAKERS!*

I GOT IT *BACK* WHEN THEY'D FINISHED THE MOVIE, BUT I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT TO *DO* WITH IT!

IT WORKS BY *REMOTE CONTROL!* SEE?

IT MIGHT MAKE A USEFUL *WOODCHOPPER...*

...IF YOU *NEEDED* A WOODCHOPPER!

I DON'T GUESS *YOU* COULD USE IT, DONALD?

ME? NO THANKS!

SIGH! THEN I'M *STUCK* WITH IT!

TOO BAD!

SERVES GYRO RIGHT FOR GETTING MIXED UP IN THIS *MEDIEVAL MADNESS!*

IT'LL BE A RELIEF TO SEE *DAISY!* I'M SURE GLAD SHE'S SO *LEVEL-HEADED...* *LIKE* ME!

LOOK AT 'EM!

ORCS AND ELVES! KNIGHTS AND PRINCESSES! ON *HORSEBACK* YET!

GET A *CAR,* YOU *GEEKS!*

BUT A *HORSE* IS SO MUCH MORE *ROMANTIC,* DONALD!

DAISY!

PERCIVAL HERE TOOK ME TO SEE "SWORD OF THE KINGS" LAST NIGHT! IT'S WONDERFUL!

DO TELL!

WHO ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?

PRINCESS AIRYFAIRY! THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ELF-GIRL IN MEDIUM EARTH!

I SEE! AND WHO'S THIS? SIR GADABOUT?

I AM ARAGOON, SON OF PAPAGOON! RIGHTFUL HEIR TO THE THRONE OF KRANKOR!

HAVE AT THEE, VARLET!

YIPE!

HEY! THAT'S NO TOY!

INDEED NOT, KNAVE! 'TIS THE FINEST STEEL!

PERCY BELONGS TO THE DUCKBURG RENAISSANCE SOCIETY! ALL THEIR COSTUMES AND WEAPONS ARE AUTHENTIC!

YAS!

DAISY! I CAN'T *BELIEVE* YOU'RE *GIVING IN* TO THIS *FANTASY FOOLISH-NESS!*

NOTHING WRONG WITH A LITTLE *FANTASY,* DONALD!

YOU DON'T *GET* IT 'CAUSE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE *MOVIE!*

GO, ALREADY!

SEE YOU AT THE *FAIR,* LOUT! *HA HA!*

OH, *PERCY!* GIGGLE!

REAL SWORDS! *AUTHENTIC* COSTUMES!

MAYBE I *AM* MISSING OUT!

OKAY! I KNOW WHEN I'M *LICKED!*

AND SO, THE LAST HOLDOUT IN DUCKBURG FINALLY CATCHES A MATINEE –

ZOWIE!

HOT ZIGGITY!

WAK! WAK!

WHEE! THIS IS *SOME MOVIE!*

THREE HOURS LATER -

SWORD of the KINGS

OBOYOBOYOBOY! STALWART *HEROES!* KNIGHTLY *VIRTUES!*

NOW TO GET IN ON THE *FUN!*

BUT!

ALL THE COSTUME SHOPS ARE *OUT* OF *HERO DUDS!*

ALL THEY'VE GOT LEFT ARE *GOBLIN OUTFITS!*

ORC SALE!

I *WON'T* BE A *GOBLIN!* I'M THE *MANLY WARRIOR* TYPE!

I'LL HAVE TO *RANSACK THE HOUSE* FOR SOMETHING SUITABLE!

THERE! NOW I'M *MEDIEVAL* – MORE OR LESS!

I'M HOPING *ENTHUSIASM* WILL MAKE UP FOR ANY LACK OF *AUTHENTICITY!*

MEDIEVAL FAIR

DAISY! – I MEAN, *PRINCESS AIRYFAIRY!*

?!?

DONALD?

JUST CALL ME *ARAGOON*, M'LADY!

LOOKS MORE LIKE *SIR COLANDER HEAD!*

...OF THE *KNIGHTS OF THE FIREPLACE POKER!*

OR, PERHAPS IT'S NOBLE *SIR THRIFTY MART!*

WHAT A *REALISTIC* COURSE-WEAVE *TOWEL*, SIRE!

DON'T LAUGH, FELLOWS! THIS *POKER* IS MADE OF THE *FINEST PIG-IRON!*

HA HA HA HA HA HA

ARE YOU *INSINUATING* MY COSTUME ISN'T *GOOD ENOUGH* FOR YOUR SNOOTY FAIR?!

ZOUNDS, *NO!*

YOUR *HOME-MADE ATTIRE* SUITS YOU *PERFECTLY!*

GULK!

THAT DOES IT! YOU SNOBS DESERVE A *LESSON* IN *CHIVALRY!*

I CHALLENGE YOU TO A *DUEL*, SIR SISSYPANTS!

HA!

I CHALLENGE ALL OF YOU!

WOW!

OH, THIS'LL BE *GOOD!*

WE ACCEPT!

THE FIELD OF HONOR!

DONALD - DON'T *DO* IT! PERCY AND HIS *PALS* ARE *GOOD* AT THIS STUFF!

FEAR NOT, PRINCESS! I SHALL *PREVAIL* - FOR MY *CAUSE* IS *JUST*, AND MY *HEART* IS *PURE!*

SIGH! THIS IS GOING TO BE *BRUTAL!*

OKAY, I HAVEN'T GOT ALL DAY! WE *HEROES* HAVE *KINGDOMS* TO SAVE, YA KNOW!

HERE WE *COME*, OH MIGHTY *ARAGOON!*

YOU *DID* SAY YOU CHALLENGED...

...*ALL* OF US...

...*DIDN'T* YOU?

WAK!

GANGWAY! TROLLS HAVE DIBS!

BUT NO MANNERS! DISGRACE-FUL!

I GUESS WE NAZZYGULLS WILL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR SLOPPY SECONDS!

THIS IS OUR PATENTED MEDIEVAL GARBAGE DISPOSAL!

WAAAAHH!

HEY! WATCH IT!

UF!

IT KEEPS OUR FAIR VARLET-FREE!

HAS *ARAGOON* UTTERLY *FAILED* TO PROTECT THE WORLD OF *MEDIUM EARTH* FROM THE *FORCES OF EVIL?*

NO!

BECAUSE *HE* IS *NOT ARAGOON...*

...I AM!

MEN! LET'S *RE-CREATE* THE SCENE IN "SWORD OF THE KINGS" WHERE THE KING'S ARMY *STORMS* THE FORTRESS OF THE *EVIL SOURRON!*

OOO! YES, *LETS!*

AND HE'S SOURRON!

GULP!

I HAVE THE *VILLAIN,* SIRE!

HEY! *NO HOGGING* THE VILLAIN!

NO, HE'S *MINE!*

MUCH PAIN LATER –

HAD ENOUGH, BOOBY?

GAH!

SO! YOU THINK YOU'VE BESTED ME, EH?

WITH YOUR FANCY OUTFITS AND EXPENSIVE WEAPONS!

WELL, I'LL GET EVEN! I'LL HAVE MY PRECIOUSSS... REVENGE!

HSSS!

GO HOME, CHURL! YOU HAVE BECOME TIRESOME!

AWK!

RUN, CLOWN, RUN!

SOME FRIEND YOU'VE GOT, DAISY! WHAT A SOREHEAD!

I DON'T BLAME HIM, PERCY! YOU BOYS WERE HORRIBLE!

BUT YOU DON'T KNOW *DONALD* LIKE *I* DO!

I DOUBT YOU'VE SEEN THE LAST OF HIM!

I *HOPE* NOT!

HE MAKES A *GOOD FOOL!*

HISSS!

GRRR!

GNASH!

SNARL!

SO, THEY THINK I'M A *BOOBY*, DO THEY? OH, HOW I *HATES* 'EM!

I'LL *GET EVEN!*

BUT *HOW?* THE *VENGEANCE OF DONALD* MUST BE *DEVASTATING* - AND VERY, VERY *PUBLIC!*

OF COURSE!

GYRO! DO YOU STILL WANT TO GET RID OF THAT *USELESS ROBOT?*

IT'S *YOURS!*

AT THE MEDIUM EARTH FAIR, THE DAY ENDS IN STYLE –

YA-AY-YY!

DAISY! I'VE BEEN CROWNED KING OF THE FAIR!

AND I – THE QUEEN!

CUDDLE FOR THE CAMERAS, YOU TWO!

PRETTY RITZY, EH, DAISY?

I DO FEEL RATHER ROYAL!

GASP!

SIGH! IT'S SO ROMANTIC!

SAY! WHAT'S THAT?

SOUNDS LIKE FOOT-STEPS...

BIG ONES!

SO...!

THOOM THOOM THOOM THOOM THOOM

HAVING A *PARTY*? AND I WASN'T *INVITED*! TSK TSK!

IT... IT *CAN'T* BE!

IT *IS*!

THE *BANE* OF *ELFDOM*!

THE *SCOURGE* OF *GOODNESS*!

THE *ULTIMATE EVIL*!

SOURRON! - RIGHT OUTTA THE *MOVIE*, I TELL YA!

ONE KING TO **FOOL** THEM ALL! ONE KING TO **MAUL** THEM! ONE TO SHOW THEM HOW TO **BOW** WHEN **SOURRON** COMES CALLING! **MWA-HA-HA-HA!**

PERCY! WHAT IN THE WORLD...?!

MY PALS MUST HAVE **ARRANGED** THIS AS **A SURPRISE! WOW!**

I, **ARAGOON,** STAND **AGAINST** THEE, **SOURRON!** HEH HEH!

YOU'RE **ON!**

EEK!

GLUB! PERCY! HELP!

PERCY!

HA!

IT APPEARS *CHIVALRY* IS *DEAD*, M'LADY!

I'M AFRAID SO!

OH! WON'T *ANYONE SAVE* ME?!

FEAR NOT, PRINCESS! I, *ARAGOON*, SHALL SAVE YOU!

NICE, *AUTHENTIC* SWORDS!

BUT MINE'S *BIGGER!*

THIS IS DOWNRIGHT *INTOXI-CATING!*

C'MON, BOYS!

OOLP!

AGH!

FUN FOR *ME,* THAT IS!

LET'S HAVE SOME *FUN!*

AH! WHAT HAVE WE *HERE?*

SIR PERCY!

THE *BRAVEST,* MOST *GALLANT* ARAGOON OF THEM *ALL!*

SHRIEK!

WELL? DO YOU STILL WANT TO CHALLENGE ME, IGNOBLE ONE?

NO! NO! I GIVE UP! UNCLE! UNCLE!

BEG LOUDER! I FIND IT STRANGELY SATISFYING!

MERCY! MERCY, OH MIGHTY ONE! ->WHINE!<- ->GIBBER!<- ->WHIMPER!<-

OH, I'LL BE MERCIFUL! I'LL EVEN BE MUSICAL!

OOG!

UFF!

SEVEN LITTLE ARAGOONS SITTIN' IN A *TREE...*

SPIN 'EM AND *SPIN* 'EM 'TILL THEY START TO *SQUEE!*

SQUEEE!

OH, *SPARE* US, MIGHTY SOURRON!

ULP!

HUALP!

BLECH!

ONLY IF YOU *SWEAR ALLEGIANCE* TO MY *EVIL MIGHT!*

YES! YES! WE SWEAR!

WE SWEAR *EVERLASTING OBEISANCE* TO YOUR *UNDYING AWFULNESS,* OH AWESOME ONE!

FOREVER AND EVER!

SEE THAT YOU *DO!*

AND NOW, SINCE NO ONE SEEMS INCLINED TO *STOP* ME...

...I SHALL CLAIM MY *PRIZE!* *BWA-HA-HA!*

SHRIEK!

THIS IS SUCH *FUN* I HATE TO *STOP!*

BUT IT'S TIME FOR *PART TWO* OF MY CUNNING PLAN!

HALT, SOURRON!

I, SIR DONALD THE VALIANT, SHALL *STOP* YOU!

'TIS NOT *AUTHENTIC DUDS* THAT MAKE A HERO - BUT *AUTHENTIC DEEDS!*

THWIP

UH-OH...

DONALD?!

FEAR NOT, PRINCESS! I'M HERE TO **SAVE** YOU!

GUGGG!

GLUB-B! GUH!

...ATTACHED TO ITS FOOT!

OH **NO!** I'M...

OH, MY GOODNESS! DONALD - SAY SOMETHING!

GUG! SPUT! ARGH!

URRGH! STOP! STOP, DARN YOU!

GLB-B-B!

EEK!

YAAA!

RUN FOR IT!

MIGHTY SOURRON IS ANGRY!

SMASH

HE'S DESTROYING THE FAIR!

AAAAH!

HEROES...BAH! QUEEN DAISY WOULD LIKE TO DRUB A FEW RIGHT NOW!

CRASH! WHUMP

WHAT *HIT* ME... A *RALBOG*?!

I'LL HAVE TO *COMPLAIN* TO GYRO ABOUT THIS STUPID *REMOTE!* IT SEEMS A BIT *FINICKY!*

DONALD!

SOURRON! COME *BACK* HERE! HEED YOUR *MASTER!*

AH! NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE!

DONALD! STOP IT!

WHA-?!

STOP *FOOLIN'* AROUND! YOU MUST *TURN* AND *WALK!*

NOT *THAT* WAY, YOU IDIOT! YOU'RE *HEADING* TOWARD...

...MOUNT CRACKO' DOOM!

...ALSO KNOWN AS THE *DUCKBURG SMELTING WORKS!* OH DEAR...!

SOURRON! SOB! COME *BACK*, SOURRON! CHOKE! *OBEY ME!*

GROAN! THIS ISN'T HOW I ENVISIONED SPENDING MY EVENING AS *QUEEN OF THE FAIR!*

NOOOOO!

STOP *STRUGGLING*, DONALD!

NO! NO! YOU CAN'T ***HAVE*** IT! IT'S ***MINE!*** MY ***PRECIOUSSS*** REMOTE!

ONLY ***I*** CONTROL ***MIGHTY SOURRON!*** ***I*** HAVE THE ***POWER!***

I'M THE ***GOD! I'M THE GOD!***

I KNEW YOU'D DO ***SOMETHING*** TO ***GET EVEN***, DONALD! BUT I NEVER DREAMED YOU'D GO ***THIS FAR!***

YOU ***WRECKED THE FAIR*** AND ***DISGRACED PERCY*** AND HIS ***PALS!*** - I SHOULD ***EXPOSE*** YOU!

BUT - SIGH! - IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL BE NEEDING ALL YOUR ***MONEY*** FOR ***DOCTOR BILLS!***

BESIDES, I'LL ***NEVER FORGIVE*** THAT CRAVEN ***PERCY*** FOR ***ABANDONING*** ME!

MY ***PRECIOUSS! HSSSS!***

SO... THE MEDIUM EARTH FAIR COMES TO AN ABRUPT END –

SOON, EVERYBODY RAVES ABOUT THE NEXT MOVIE HIT –

NOW PLA

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EPISODE 30

"THE MALLARD MENACE"

CINEMA

THE RENAISSANCE SOCIETY DISBANDS – BUT IS REPLACED BY SOMETHING EVEN... STRANGER!

BOW DOWN, MY BROTHERS! TO *HIM!*

HE WHO WILL ONE DAY *RETURN!*

BRINGING *DARKNESS* TO ALL THE LAND!

AND *FEAR* TO THE HEARTS OF *EVERYONE!*

WE KNOW THIS – BECAUSE *WE* ARE HIS *CHOSEN ONES!*

HAIL, SOURRON!

THE MASTER

YIKES!

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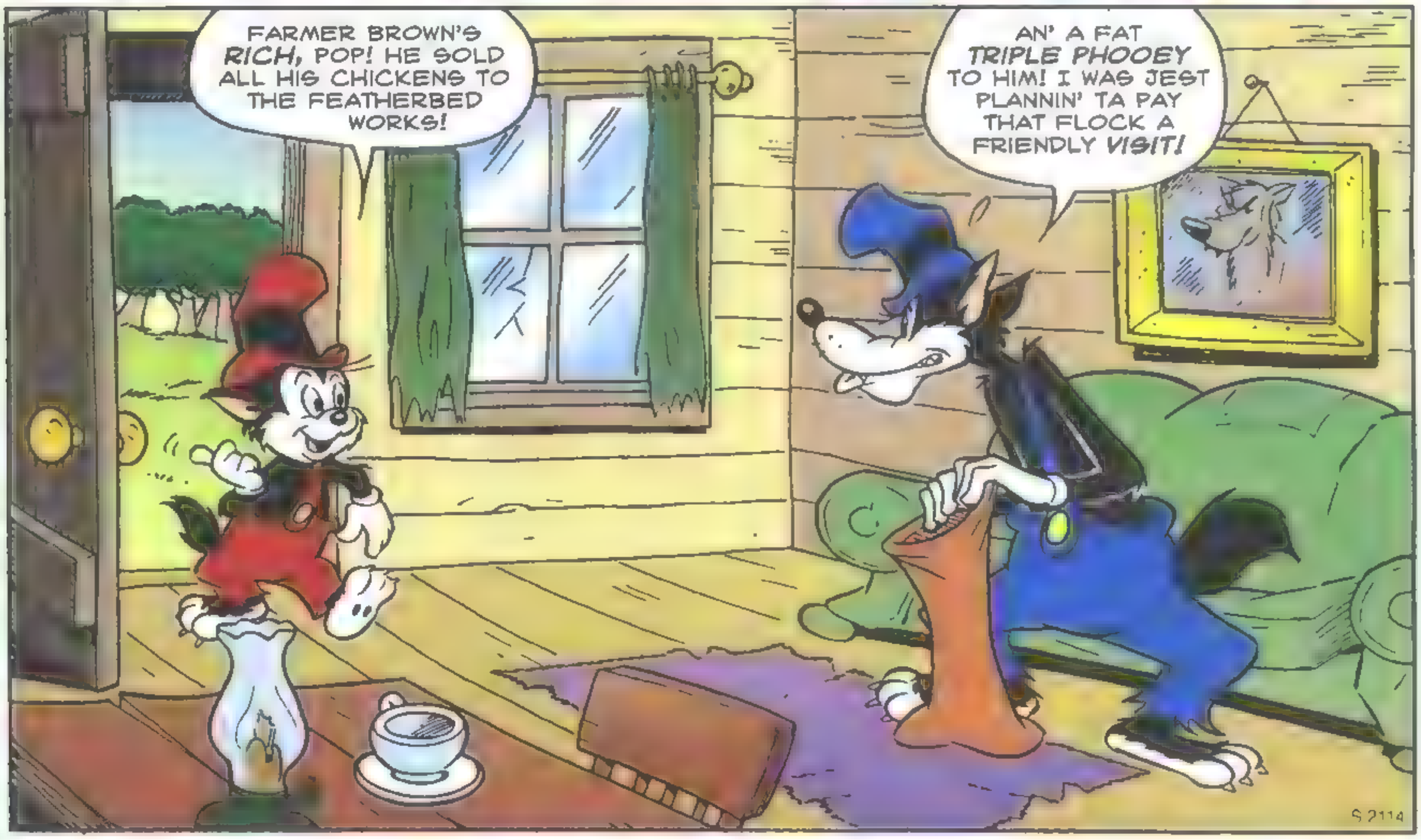
BIG BAD WOLF

OOPS! WRONG STORY


FARMER BROWN'S *RICH*, POP! HE SOLD ALL HIS CHICKENS TO THE FEATHERBED WORKS!
AN' A FAT *TRIPLE PHOOEY* TO HIM! I WAS JEST PLANNIN' TA PAY THAT FLOCK A FRIENDLY *VISIT!*
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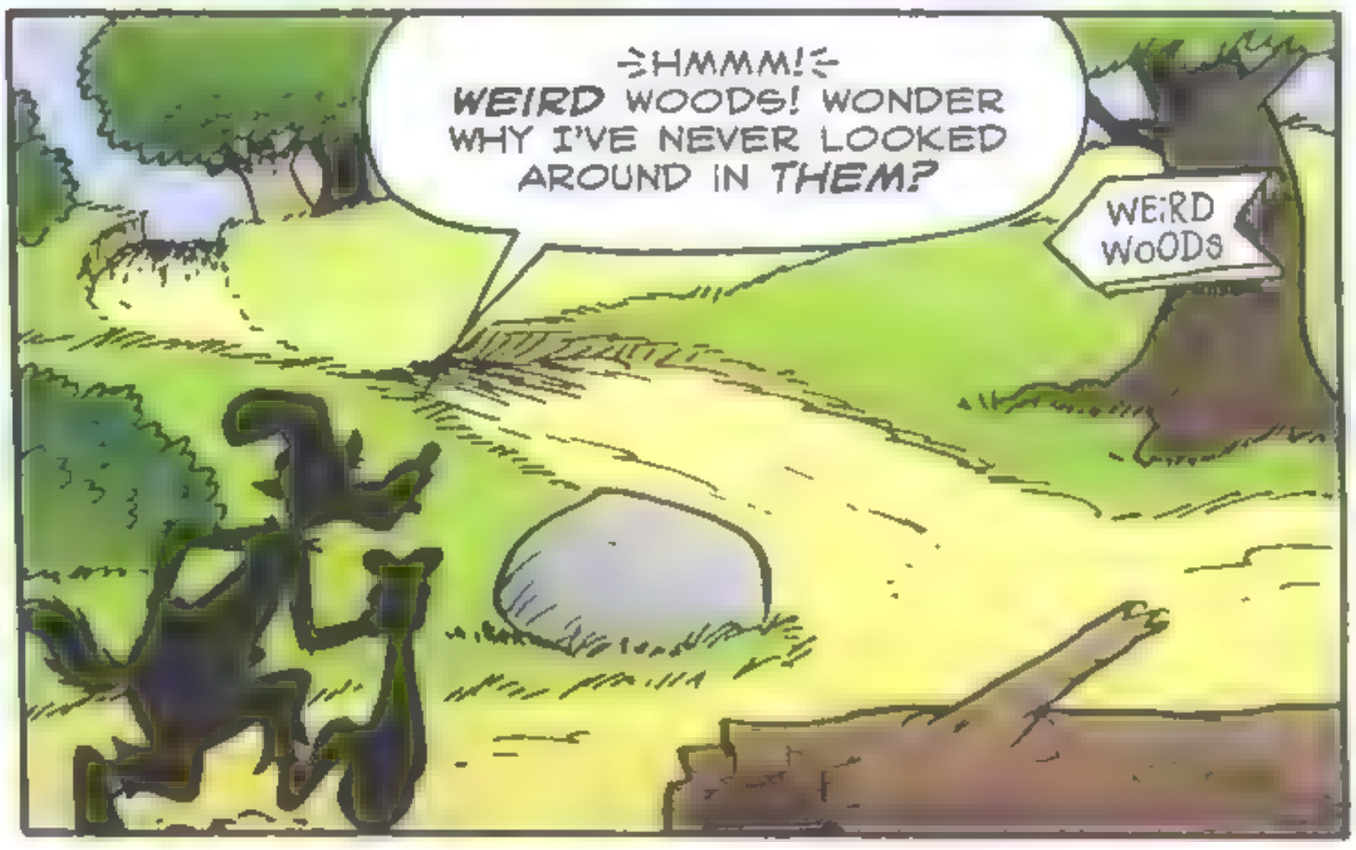

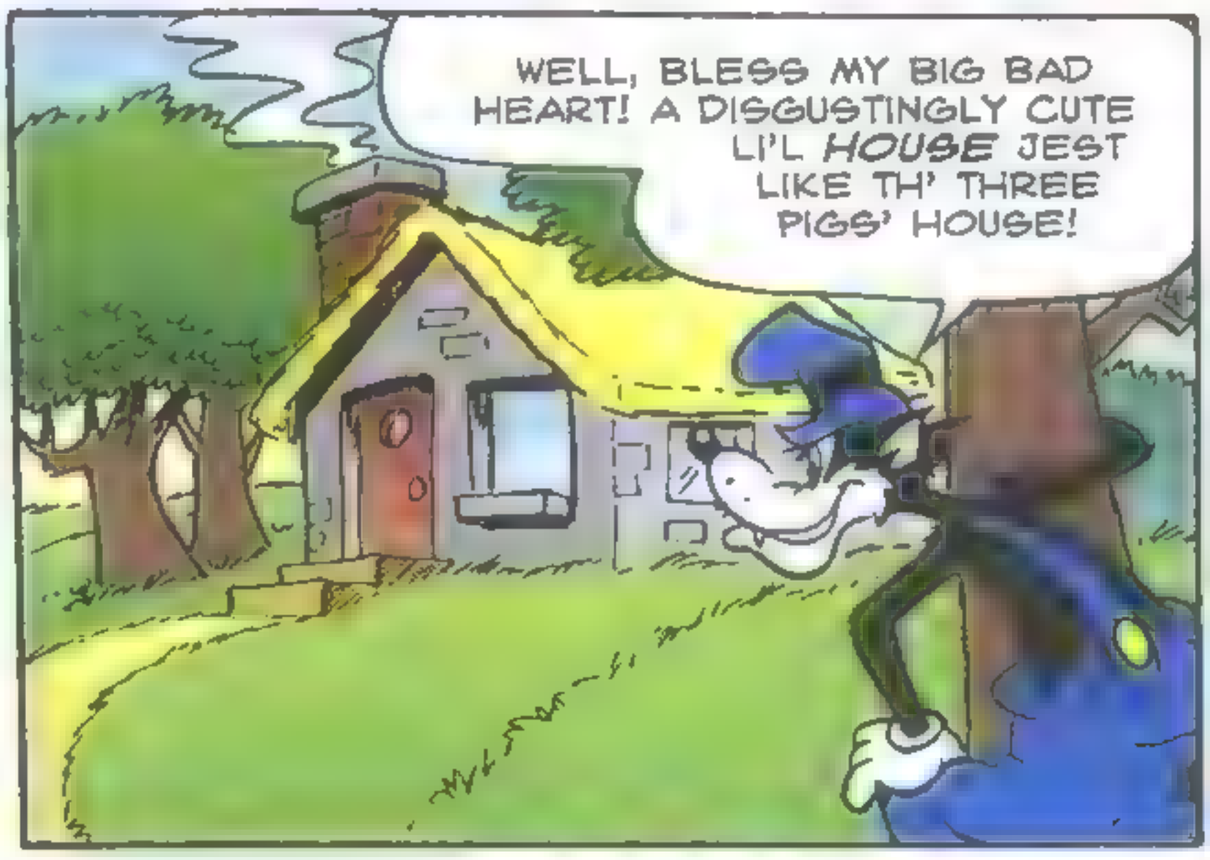

=HMM!= WHADDAYA KNOW! NOBODY'S HOME, TH' DOOR'S *UNLOCKED*—

AN' HERE'S THREE BIG BOWLS O' *PORRIDGE*, JEST SETTIN' OUT LIKE *APPETIZERS!*

TH' PIGS IN THESE PARTS MUST BE AWFUL *STUPID*... RUNNIN' OFF AN' LEAVIN' THEIR BREAKFAST TA GIT COLD!

=HAH!= *BEDROOM* OFF TH' PORT BOW! A GOOD SNOOZE'LL HOLD ME TILL THEM DUMB PORKERS COME BACK!

I SURE CAN'T NAP ON *THIS* DINKY LI'L CRIB!

JR

BUT A LITTLE ENGINEERIN' SHOULD MAKE THINGS COMFY!

MA

JR

*S*OME TIME LATER!

COME ALONG, MA... JUNIOR! BY NOW OUR PORRIDGE OUGHTTA BE *JUST RIGHT*—

AS LONG AS THAT HORRID LITTLE *GIRL* ISN'T HERE AGAIN!

DUH-H... BUT I *LIKE* GIRULS!

DUH-H... LOOK, MAW! NO PORRIDGE!

NOR HERE!

NOR HERE— SAY! THIS AIN'T GOIN' ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPT!

SOMEBODY'S BEEN SLEEPIN' IN MY BED!

AND SOMEBODY'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY BED!

AN' SOMEBODY'S STILL SLEEPIN' IN ALL O' OUR BEDS!

ZZ!

VAMONOS, LOBO!

HUH? EEK!

Y-YOU'RE NOT A LITTLE PIG!

WHAT SHARP EYES YOU GOT, GRANDPA!

BAW! WAW! DUH-H... YOU AIN'T EVEN A GIRUL!

BUT SHE SENT YOU, DIDN'T SHE? SHE'S SPYING AND WATCHING WHILE YOU RAID US, THAT NO-GOOD—

THAT NO-GOOD... WHO DID HE SAY? I'M LUCKY I GOT AWAY WITH MY LIFE!

WEiRD WoODs

GEE, POP! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

I'M NOT SURE — AN' THAT'S NO FAIRY TALE! TELL ME, SON... DIDJA EVER HEAR O' GOLDILOCKS?

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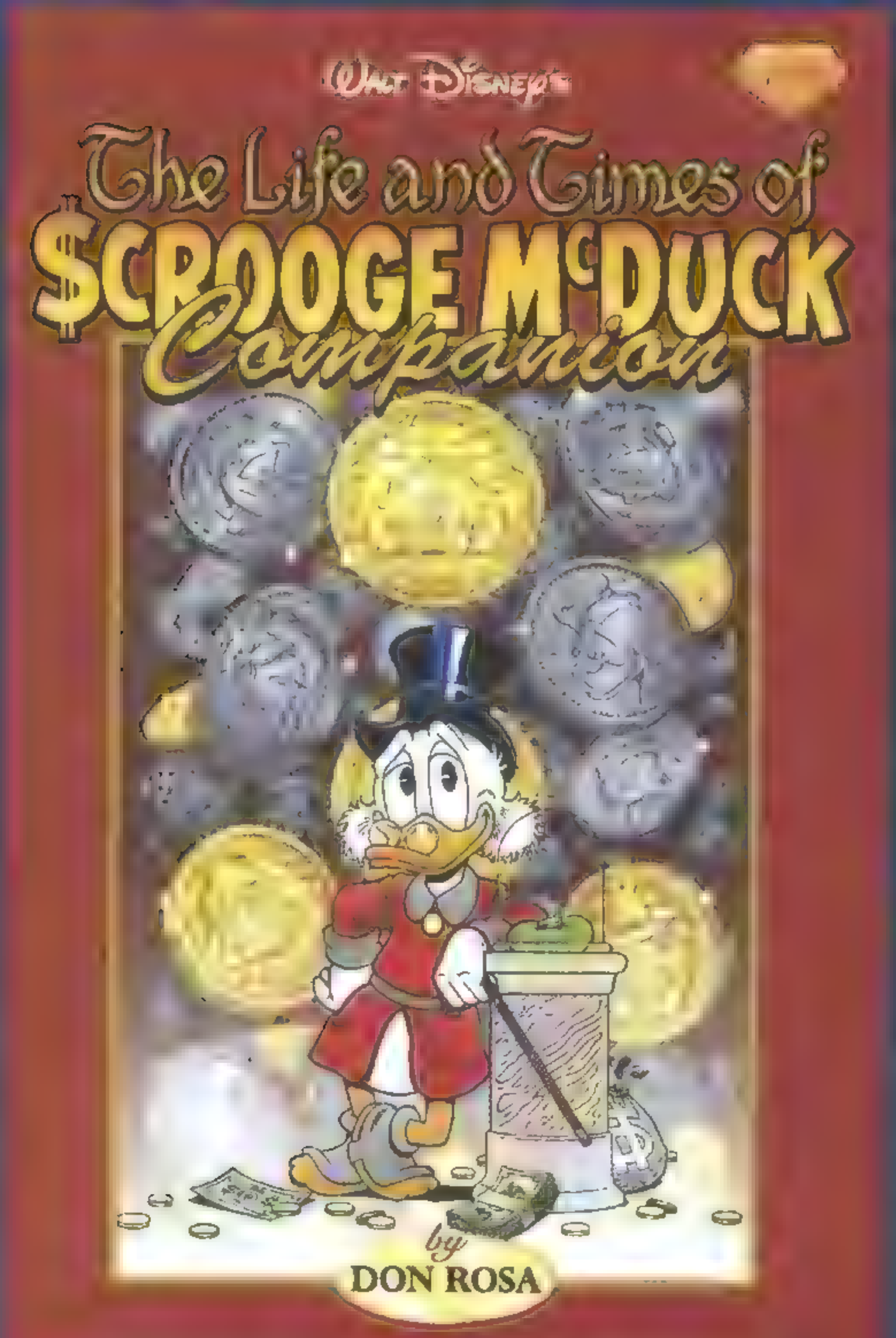

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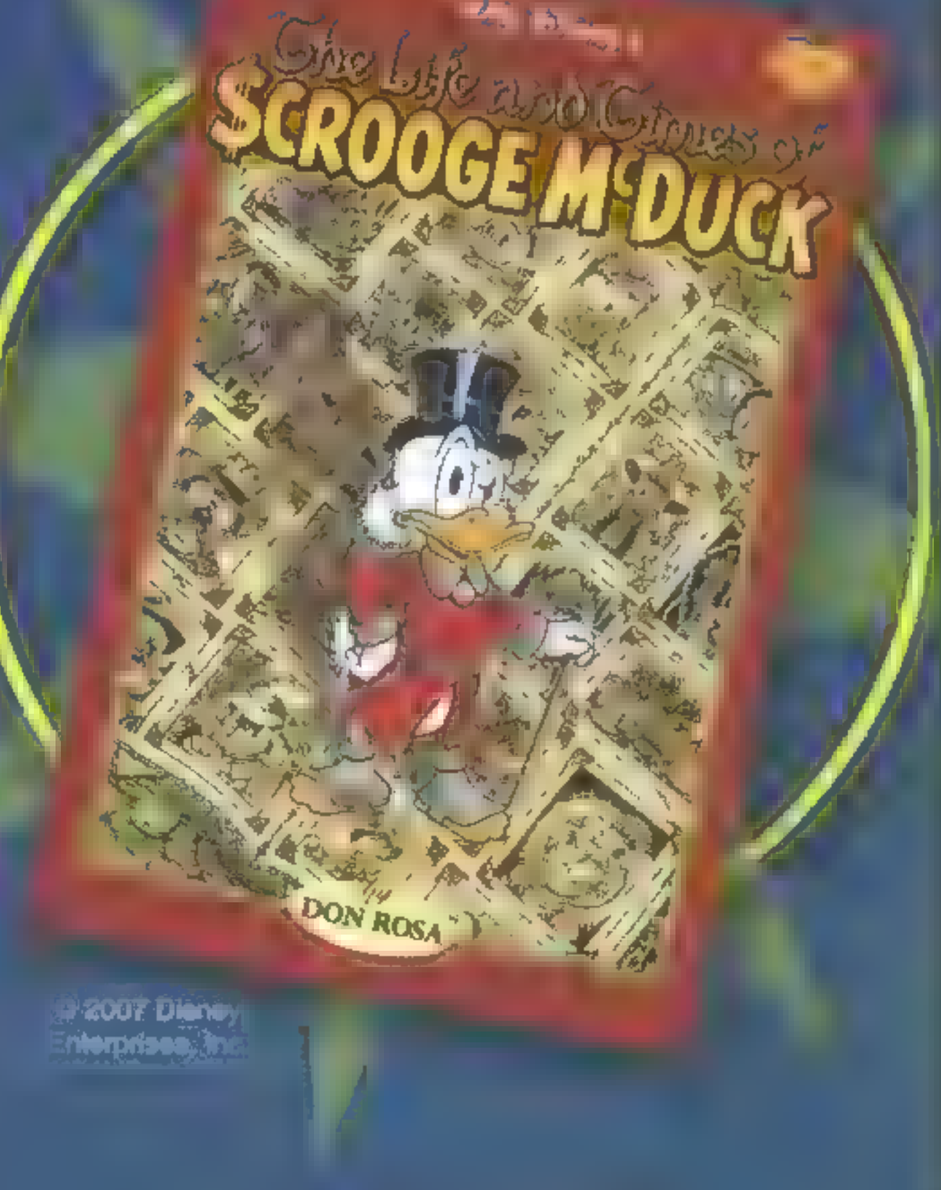

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DONALD DUCK

BOYS, LET'S GO TO TOWN TO A MOVIE TONIGHT!

YEAH!

LET'S DO!

LAZY K DUDE RANCH

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KI YI YIPPEE!

THIS TOWN HAS ONLY ONE THEATER! I HOPE IT'S SHOWING A GOOD PICTURE!

OH BOY!

WONDERHEAD, SON OF TICKA!

TONIGHT

WONDERHEAD SON of TICKA

WITH RODNEY McHOWL AND WESTON ROOSTER

LOOK, UNCA' DONALD!

THE BOY IS TAMING A WILD COLT!

HE IS WINNING HIM BY KINDNESS ALONE!

LATER

ISN'T THAT CUTE!

THE COLT HAS LEARNED TO LOVE HIM!

THAT KID WASN'T SO HOT! I COULD HAVE TAMED THAT COLT IN MUCH LESS TIME!

SAYS YOU!

PHOOEY!

THAT BOY WAS ALWAYS PATIENT!

YOU'D HAVE BLOWN UP THE FIRST TIME

THE COLT DISOBEYED YOU!

GET ME A COLT, AND I'LL SHOW YOU THAT I CAN MELT HIM WITH A SMILE!

MORNING!

SO YOU'D LIKE TO TAME A WILD COLT, EH?

YEAH, AND THE WILDER, THE BETTER!

MY RIDERS OFTEN SEE WILD HORSE HERDS IN THE PIZEN ROCK MOUNTAINS! I'LL HAVE 'EM ROPE YOU A KNOTHEAD!

SWELL!

TELL 'EM TO BE **GENTLE** WITH HIM! I WANT THIS COLT TO KNOW NOTHING FROM HUMANS BUT **KINDNESS**!

WELL, IN A LITTLE WHILE WE'LL HAVE A HORSE— JUNIOR GRADE!

THAT AFTERNOON!

HERE'S YER COLT, BOYS!

SNAP!!!

BE WARY OF HIM! BETTER KEEP HIM IN THAT **SACK** TILL YOU'RE READY TO SELL HIM FOR **GLUE**!

I'LL DO NOTHING OF THE KIND! I'LL GIVE HIM EVERY CHANCE TO **EXPRESS** HIMSELF! ....NICE COLTIE! NICE BOY!

THERE, LITTLE FELLOW! I BELIEVE YOU UNDERSTAND ALREADY THAT I'M YOUR **FRIEND**!

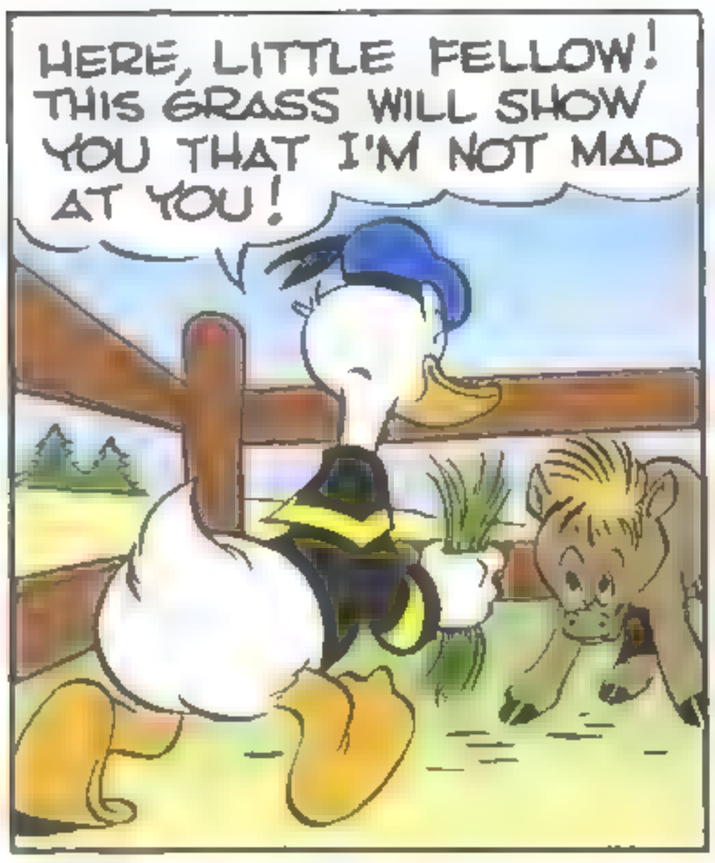
OOF!

HEY! I'M YOUR **FRIEND**! DON'T YOU **UNDERSTAND**?

SNAP!

THEM WILD KNOTHEADS UNDERSTAND NOTHING! IT'S **KILL** OR **BE KILLED** WITH THEM!

WELL, HE'S GOIN' TO BE SLIGHTLY SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THERE IS **SWEETNESS** AND **LIGHT** IN THIS OLD WORLD!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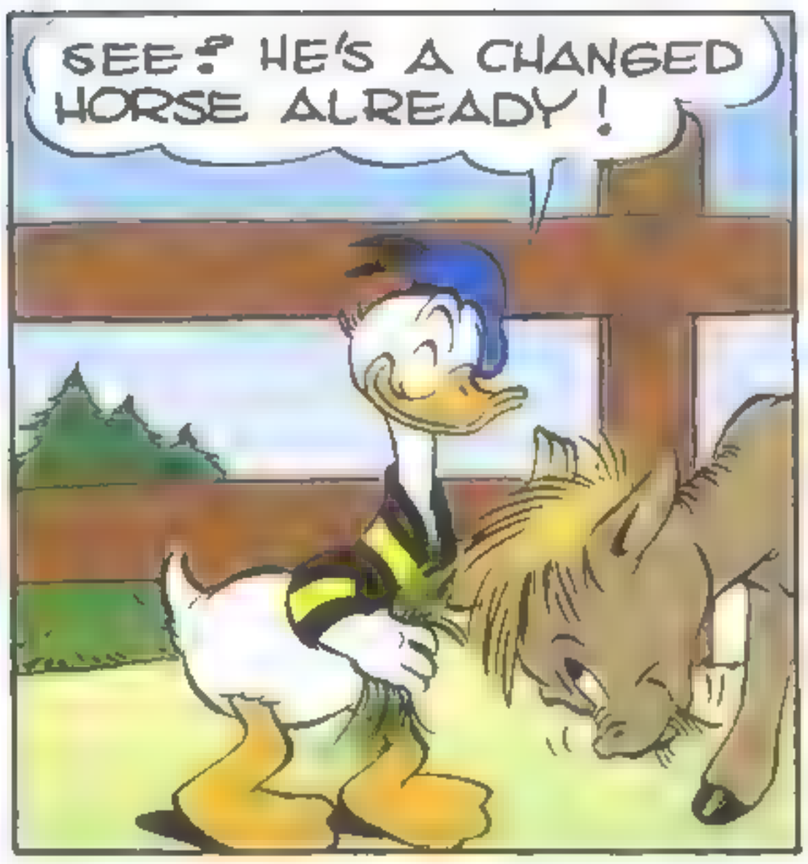
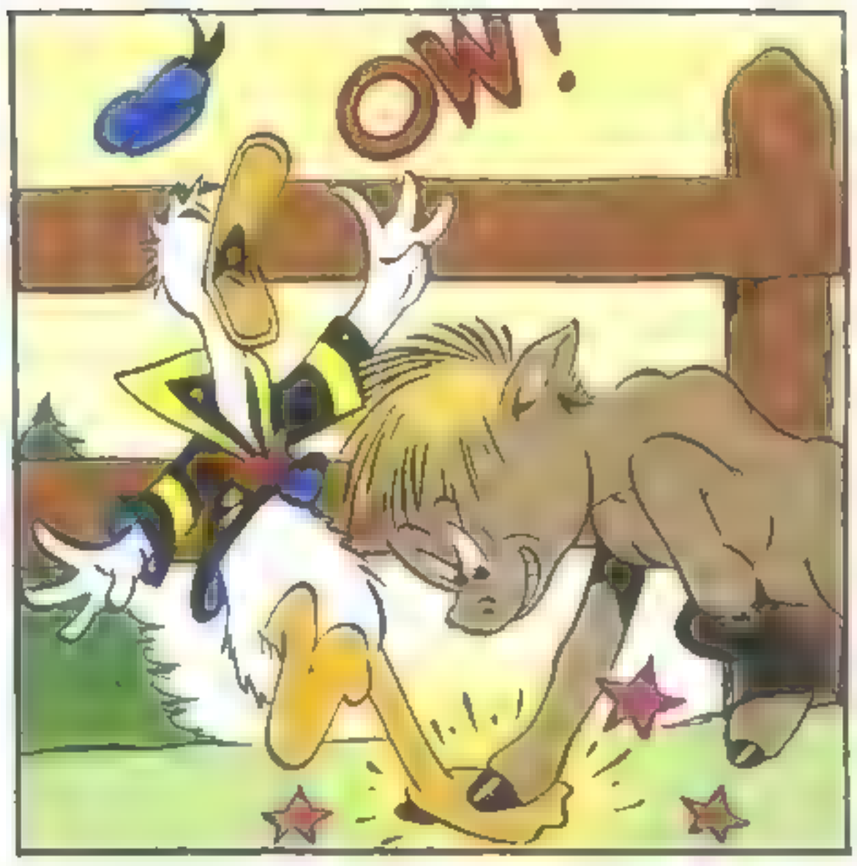

SEE? HE'S A CHANGED HORSE ALREADY!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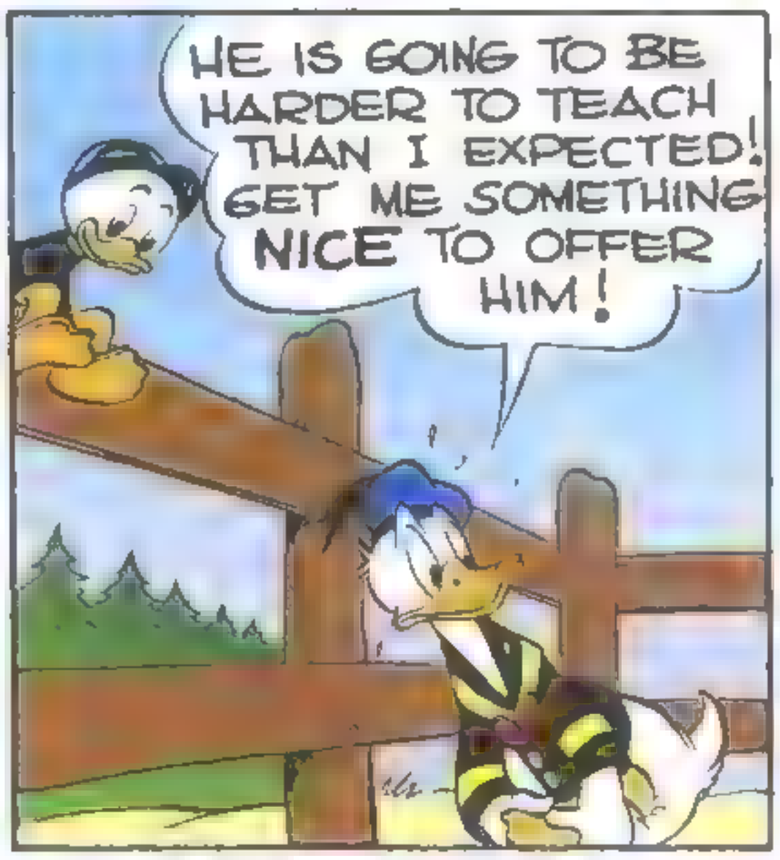
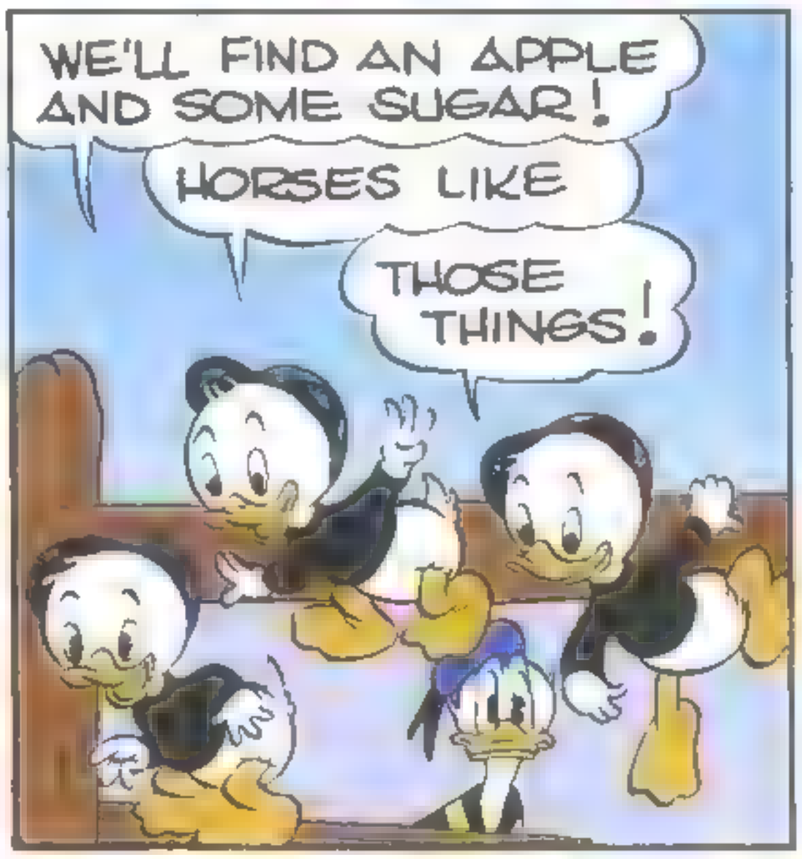
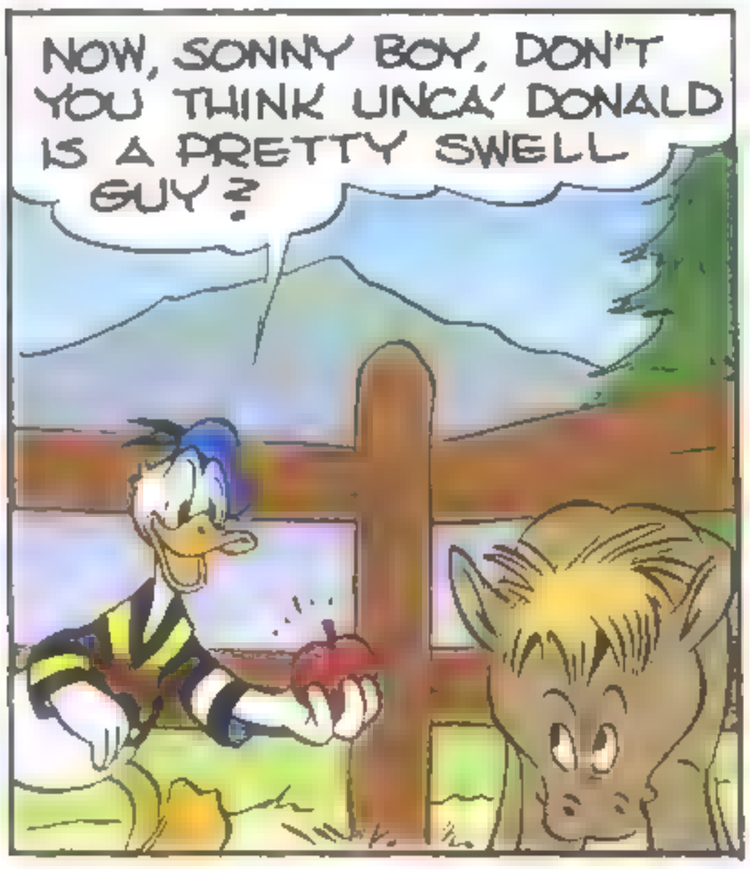
OH, THAT LITTLE DEMON! — I MEAN, THAT POOR, DELUDED LITTLE HORSE!


HE IS GOING TO BE HARDER TO TEACH THAN I EXPECTED! GET ME SOMETHING NICE TO OFFER HIM!


WE'LL FIND AN APPLE AND SOME SUGAR!
HORSES LIKE
THOSE THINGS!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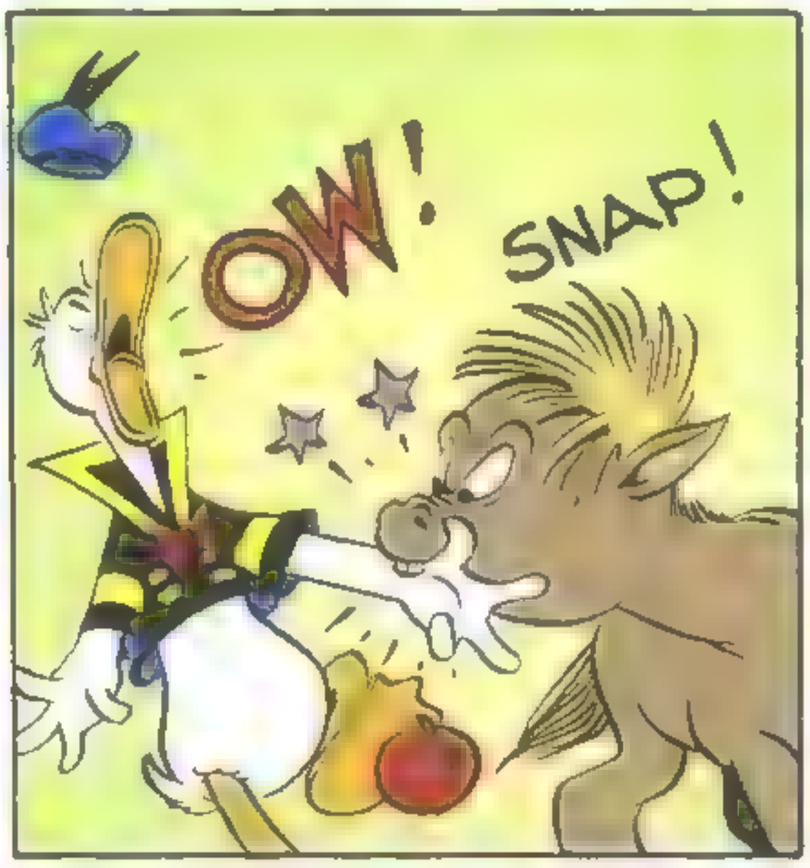
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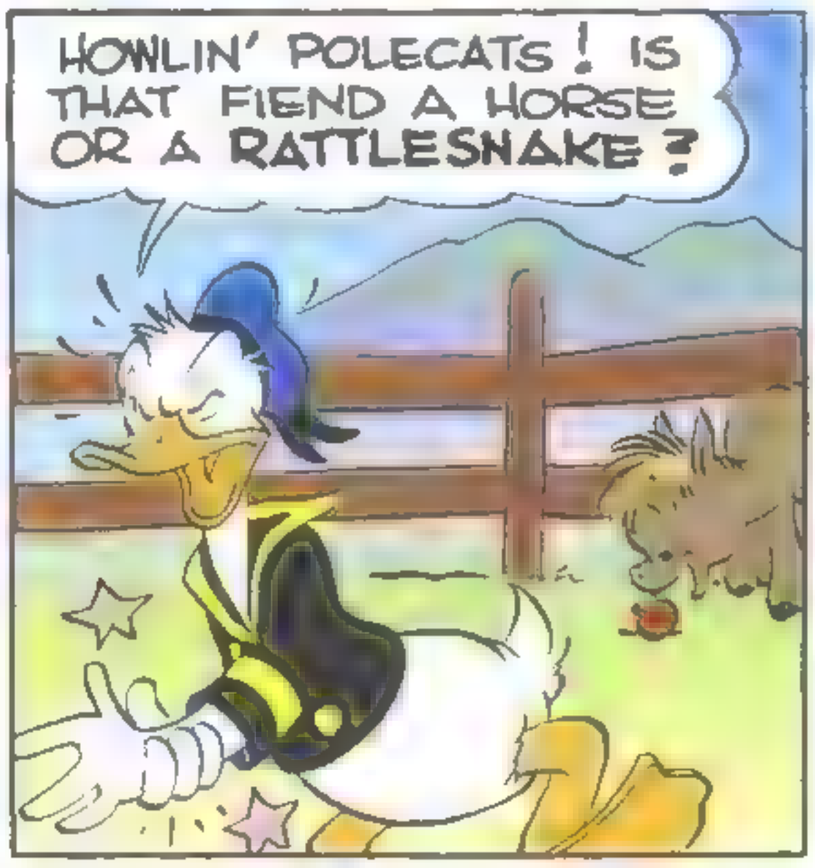
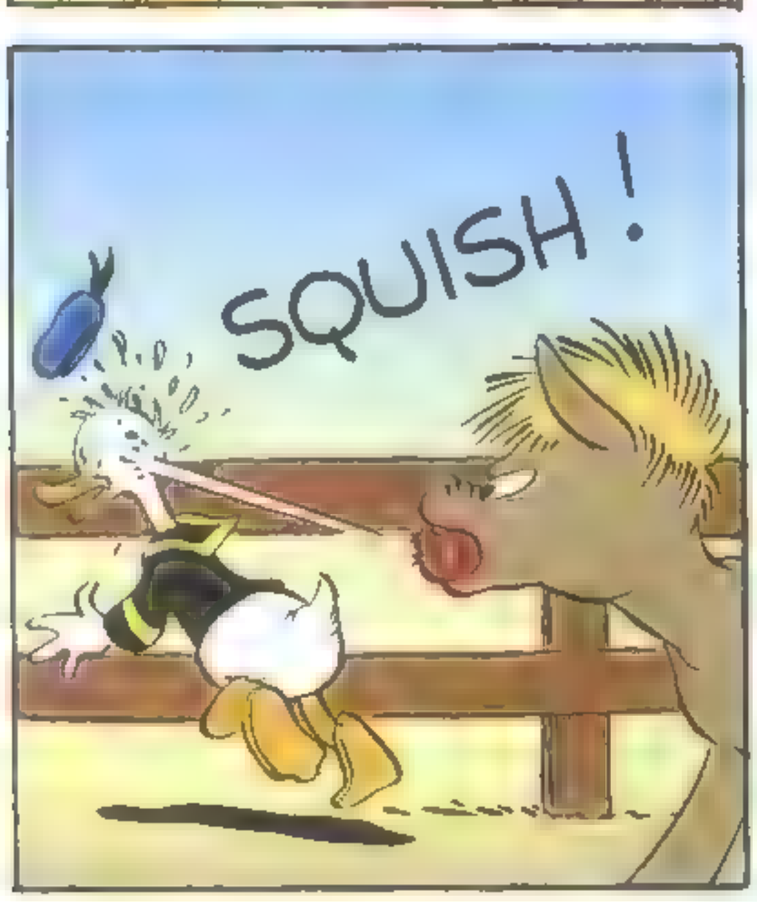
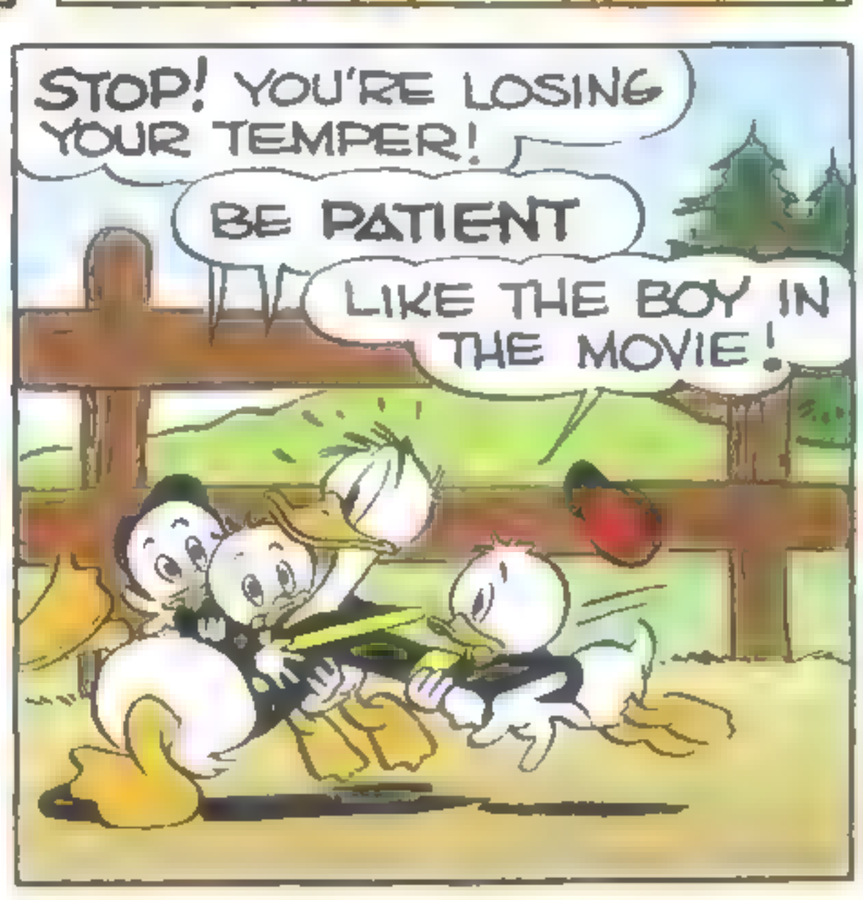

HOWLIN' POLECATS! IS THAT FIEND A HORSE OR A RATTLESNAKE?


SQUISH!

SO YOU WON'T PLAY NICE, EH? THEN, NEITHER WILL I!


STOP! YOU'RE LOSING YOUR TEMPER!
BE PATIENT
LIKE THE BOY IN THE MOVIE!

OKAY! OKAY! I'LL SHOW HIM THAT MY BRAIN IS BETTER THAN HIS BRAWN!

THIS IS A SAFE WAY TO OFFER YOU A LITTLE SUGAR!

HEY! LET GO OF THE TONGS!

BOING!

LOOKOUT, UNCA' DONALD!

FONK!

THAT UNGRATEFUL MONSTER! THAT FRANKENSTEIN!

THAT SETTLES IT! I'M GOIN' TO SELL HIM TO THE GLUE WORKS!

NO, NO, UNCA' DONALD! YOU GIVE UP TOO EASILY!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR BRAIN BEING BETTER THAN HIS BRAWN?

WELL, ALL RIGHT! I'LL SHOW HIM!

I'LL HYPNOTIZE THE BRUTE!

GRRR!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HYPNOTISM, UNCA' DONALD?

I READ ALL ABOUT IT IN A BOOK!

HOCUS! POCUS! IT'S NO JOCUS! YOU ARE IN MY POWER!

?

SNORT!

RELAX, DOGGONE YOU! RELAX!

SNORT!

THE COLT'S HYPNOTIC POWER IS GREATER!

FIZZ!

GLEEP! PEEP!

THE COLT HAS HYPNOTIZED UNCA' DONALD!

THE KIDS HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET!

OINK! OINK!

FIZZ

ZIZZ

OINK! OINK!

CACKLE CACKLE

CACKLE! CACKLE! CACKLE!

THE COLT SEES A WAY TO GAIN HIS FREEDOM!

OH, OH! HE IS MAKING UNCA' DONALD OPEN THE GATE!

IF WE HADN'T BEEN WATCHING, HE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN AWAY!

SNORT! SNARL!

LOOKOUT FOR HIM! HE IS UP TO SOMETHING!

HE HAS MADE UNCA' DONALD A WILD HORSE! SNORT!

STOP, UNCA' DONALD! STOP! SNORT.

WELL, IF YOU'RE GOING TO ACT LIKE A HORSE, WE'LL TREAT YOU LIKE A HORSE!

THAT COLT TRIED TO HURT US! AND AFTER UNCA' DONALD WAS SO KIND TO HIM! SNORT! SNORT.

ANY HORSE AS MEAN AS HE NEEDS TO BE TAUGHT RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER!

BUT WE WON'T USE A WHIP ON HIM! NO! HIS MEANNESS IS TOO DEEP DOWN TO FEEL A WHIPPING! ONLY ONE THING WILL TOUCH HIS KIND OF CUSSEDNESS — I'LL GET IT!

CASTOR OIL!

YOUR BRATTING DAYS ARE OVER, PROBLEM CHILD!

ONE MORE SPOONFUL BEFORE WE LOOSEN HIS ROPES!

NOW TO SEE IF HE HAS LEARNED ANYTHING!.... COME HERE SONNY BOY, AND LET ME PET YOU!

TIE HIM UP AGAIN! HE NEEDS MORE CASTOR OIL!

SNAP!

OOOH!

CASTOR OIL

ALL RIGHT, SONNY BOY! NOW WILL YOU COME HERE AND BE NICE?

SNORT

SO YOU WANT SOME MORE OF THIS, DO YOU?

CASTOR OIL

OOOO!

HE HAS CHANGED HIS MIND! HE IS GOING OVER TO BE PETTED!

DON'T TRY ANY TRICKS, OR YOU'LL GET THE WHOLE BOTTLE!

HE HAS REFORMED!

GEE! HE'S A SWELL LITTLE GUY NOW!

WE'LL TELL UNCA' DONALD!
MAYBE HE WILL LET **US** HAVE THE COLT!
PHOOEY! **THAT** LITTLE DEMON HASN'T REFORMED! I'LL SEND HIM TO THE GLUE WORKS FIRST THING IN THE MORNING - AND THAT'S **FINAL!**
POOR LITTLE COLT!
AND JUST WHEN WE'VE FOUND THAT HE HAS A **GOOD STREAK** IN HIM, AFTER ALL!

THAT NIGHT!

THERE IS A HORSE
UP ON THE ROCKS!
AND IT KEEPS WHINNYING!
THE COLT ANSWERS!
THAT MUST BE HIS MOTHER!
SHE HAS COME ALL THE WAY FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO FIND HIM!
LET'S TURN THE COLT OUT!
THEN HE CAN GO TO HER!
HE WILL **LOVE** US FOR IT!

HERE, LITTLE GUY!
FOR BEING A GOOD BOY
WE'RE GOING TO SET YOU **FREE!**
LOOK AT HIM GO!
I BET HE'S **GRATEFUL** TO US FOR **THIS!**
SEE! HE IS LOOKING BACK!
HE KNOWS HE **OWES** US SOMETHING!

ISN'T THAT CUTE!
HE IS COMING BACK TO **PAY** US HIS **THANKS!**
OOOF!
REMIND ME IN THE MORNING THAT WE OWE UNCA' DONALD THREE BOTTLES OF **GLUE!**

Letters to the Editor

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Happy 75th birthday to Bucky Bug (*Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* 677)! I'm glad we've had him around for all these years. *WDC&S* wouldn't be the same without a periodic appearance from Junkville's greatest star. And I should request a round of applause for David Gerstein's outstanding essay on ol' Bucky's history. I knew almost none of it and therefore found it very enlightening. Don Markstein and Noel Van Horn are obviously big Bucky fans, judging by the passion they display in their story. I must say, though, that the size of the balloons did a disservice to Markstein's script. It was hard to find the rhyme in some of them. Oh, and one other thing: what's with Bucky's and June's eyes? They look like ghosts in this story. The reprint from the 1930s was great fun to read as well, and truly a quality story. The only thing better would have been a Bucky cover. I guess when he's 100, eh?

And as to Mickey Mouse, what a fantastic conclusion to the "Shambor" tales! Wow! These were terrific! I notice this one was written in 2001. Have the McGreals written any more? If so, please print them! Mickey keeps plugging away in the Foreign Legion in Gottfredson's classic. Can't wait for the fourth installment! Say, is there any truth to the rumor that there will be a Gottfredson Library published at some point in the future? Man, that'd be wonderful! Great Big Bad Wolf story dialogued by Mr. Gerstein and illustrated by Van Schuijlenburg and Coenen, and another fine William Van Horn lead! Good job!

—Robert Hutchings
via email

"I'm now on old familiar ground! My home must be somewhere around!"—Bucky Bug, appearing in both new and classic bug tales in *WDC&S* 677. Say, when Bucky married June did he do so for better or "verse"? And when the tiny twosome wed, could we further say they became a "rhymed couplet"?

As for Bucky's "home," I'm happy to say it was this month's *WDC&S!* It's funny how you "evolve" as a comic book reader. Until relatively recently, when reading those prized older issues of this title, I tended to write-off Bucky Bug as "kid stuff," much preferring the clearly cooler adventures of Donald, Mickey, and even Li'l Bad Wolf. A similar situation existed with the then underappreciated "Mary Jane and Sniffles" feature in the competing Dell *Looney Tunes* title of the time.

Then a funny thing happened. Instead of just skipping over Bucky as was my regular practice, I stopped over in Junkville for a closer look and was captivated by its charm. While it was neither the rollicking comedy nor the rip-roaring adventure I read *WDC&S* for, Bucky Bug was special in its own way. Bucky may skew younger than Carl Barks' duck and Floyd Gottfredson's mouse, to be sure, but the Bug is an experience to be savored nonetheless.

For those who enjoyed Bucky's appearance in this issue as much as I did (and for those who may someday "evolve" towards such an appreciation in the future), I'd like to mention that the "Junkville/Flyburg War" newspaper strip continuity referred to in the newer story—and from which we find Bucky walking home in the reprint—is reproduced in what appears to be its original Sunday strip format in the admittedly difficult to find 1980 *Animated Features and Silly Symphonies* hardcover volume from Abbeville Press. It is not complete, as we do not see the moments Bucky meets Bo or June, nor his escapades as he heads toward Junkville, but it is definitely of interest, if you're any sort of Bucky-booster! Oh, and the Bucky *Silly Symphonies* continuity is followed by that for "The Little Red Hen/The Wise Little Hen," which is the first comics appearance of Donald Duck, so I'd say it is a book worth seeking.

Indeed, given another great Li'l Bad Wolf entry, the second-tier troupe shined almost as brightly as the Ducks and Mice. And, with another William Van Horn fun-fest, a John Lustig laff-riot, Pat and Carol McGreal's stirring end to the Shambor saga, and part three of Floyd Gottfredson's Legion epic, the Ducks and Mice shined brightly enough to be seen from orbit!

What this leads us to is the need for a third prestige/squarebound format title to hold it all. Preferably one that features Donald and Mickey, leaving more room in *WDC&S* for wolves, pigs, puppy-dogs, chipmunks and of course, bugs—while continuing to lead-off with Donald and close with Mickey, as this title has almost always done! The void left by the recently departed titles will be considerably diminished, and the sterling material served up by Gemstone of late will have an additional place to strut its stuff! What say you?

—Joe Torcivia
via email

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